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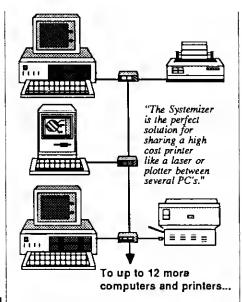
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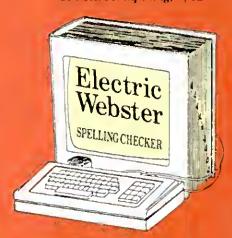
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Not only is PowerSoft still here supporting the TRS-80 after six years, but we are now supporting the newer "standards" with our Super Utility/PC for PC/MS-DOS™ and SuperCross/XT, the state-of-the-art fransfer utility recently raved about in 80-MICRO. If you have a TRS-80 and a PC of some type, like a Model 1000, you'll definitly want to order this program. See our ad elsewhere in this issue for more details.

There are LOTS of new Mod 4 and 4P owners in our ranks now, thanks to TANDY's drastic price reductions earlier this year. A great time to pick up a new computer and super buy, if you want the talest in TRS-80 technology, other than the new 4D (still a great buy at \$1199, when compared to what most of us had sunk into Mod I's Ill'a and 4/4P's before the prices were stashed). We're looking at the Model 4D to continue for some time to come. And we will be here to support it.

Speaking of the 4D, all of our Model 4 products have always support double-sided operation, so no update will be necessary if you buy a 4D or add double-sided drivas.

By the way, TRSDOS 6.2 will atready support double-sided operation! You do not need to obtain the rumored TRSDOS 6.2.1 just for this. Type; FORMAT :1 (SINES=2) <ENTER> and everything else is automatic. Just thought we'd mention this, since many didn't know... Also, use LDOS for Model III mode on the 4D, as this system also already allows double-sided operation in the III mode (same method) and is media compatible with TRSDOS 6.

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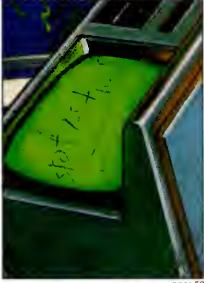
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Most recently, the Fall Sale flier landed on my desk, and it's loaded with bargains. My favorite section is the whereis-as-is sale. This is two pages stuffed full of discontinued gizmos and gadgets that Radio Shack is trying to unload—portable radios, telephones, walkie-talkies, and other electronic detritus.

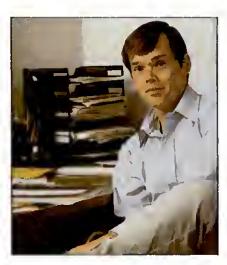
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OK, I don't really need 262 Smurf radios. But the where-is-as-is pages are gorged with other goodies. In fact, \$1,299 will buy one of almost every item there. The list is practically endiess:



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- 1. Which system had only three error messages, and what were they?
- 2. You typed in SYSTEM and then followed the *? command with /12345 to do what?
- 3. What was the real update password on the TRSDOS 2.1 SYS files?
- 4. Finish this sentence: "Joe, you r---b----!" (Hint: this sentence was found in unlikely places on the first release of TRSDOS 1.3 disks.)
- 5. TRSDOS 2.2 and 2.3 included two programs called TEST1/CMD and TEST2/BAS. TEST1/CMD was a memory test program. TEST2/BAS was supposedly a "disk stress test program." In reality, TEST2/BAS was what Radio Shack program doctored up to look like it was actually doing something?
- 6. What did the initials of IJG, now-defunct publisher of the ". . .Other Myster-tes" books, stand for?
- ?. Which DOS would not allow a Basic program to access a random file with a different LRL than that used to create the file?
- 8. Vern Hester wrote a DOS for the Model 1 that never became popular. What was it?
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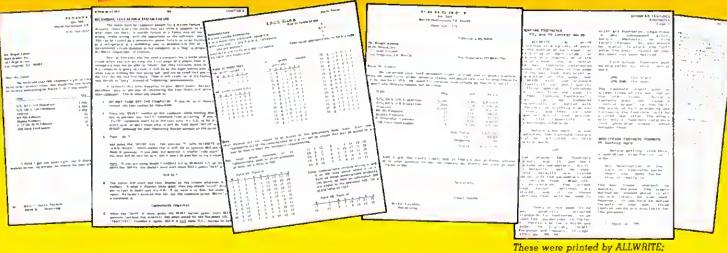
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I agree with Eric Maloney (Side Tracks, August 1985, p. 8): Word processors do not improve writing. I always used to write quickly and easily with a pen or typewriter, but Scripsit brought about writer's block. All those editing commands intimidated me while I was writing a first draft; I spent too much time tinkering and too little time writing.

Now I use Delmer D. Hinrichs' Basic Word Processor ("The Return of Hinrichs' Word Processor," March 1984, p. 100) almost exclusively. It has many editing commands, but they're off in the edit mode, where they should be. While I'm writing, I have one editing command st my disposal—the backspace. And that, too, is how it should be.

80 Micro has published several different versions of Hinrichs' program. The one I use appeared in the January 1983 issue (p. 200). If you use it in conjunction with Mark Goodwin's type-ahead utility ("Geiting Ahead," July 1985, p. 65), you'll find keyboard response excellent. And since Hinrichs wrote his program in Basic, you can easily modify it to sult your needs.

Mark Allen Reed West Lebanon, NH

I'm delighted that Eric Maloney plans to return to his manual typewriter since he seems to have a need to indulge himself in some kind of language orgy. Also, since he says he has to struggle to express himself with a word processor, he should stop using one. However, what he believes is true for him clearly is not true for most of the rest of us. That word processors don't improve writing for most people is absurd.

The notion that word processors can liberate creative writing by removing most of the restrictions imposed by the pencil or typewriter is completely accurate in the view of many people who are much more productive after using a word processor.

Anyone experienced with word processors knows that they do not supply creativity to writers who have none, but they do make writing creatively much easier and more efficient than any other method known.

> Murlon H. Dye Commerce, TX



Eric Maloney's observation about word processors is quite accurate. One should also note that a word processor will not directly improve a writer's style if he lacks it. Word processors do make rewriting and editing a breeze, especially with large amounts of copy, but they're no substitute for a command of the language, punctuation, ability, and innovation.

I disagree, however, that they can injure writing skills. The person pushing the pencil or tapping the keys will determine the worth of the creation. If Maloney finds he's more creative with an ordinary typewriter than with a word processor, perhaps he's suffering from a case of cursor-blinksis-anxiety, a recently discovered emotional disorder brought about by the eternal, unrelenting blink of screen cursor that reaches into a person's subconscious with the hidden message, "Come on! Come on! What's the next word! sentence! paragraph!"

Jim Merliai Montgomery, AL

My cursor likes to hum old Smokey Robinson tunes.

—Е.M.

80 Micro's BBS is open 24 hours a day. It offers programs you can upand download, special-interest groups, and a classified section. You can reach the board at 603-924-6985; UART settings are 300/1200 baud, 8-bit words, 1 stop bit, no parity.

Basic Solution

In your August 1985 issue you ran articles on Model 4 Basic (p. 38) and GW-Basic (p. 46). Both articles touted the use of the Common and Chain statements to link Basic programs. In practice, I've found both statements useless. The problem is that you have to save the programs you want to chain in ASCII format. If a program is so long that you have to separate it into smaller programs, the individual modules take so long to load as to be impractical.

I think it's faster to save the programs in compressed form and save to a disk file the variables you want to pass. Then the succeeding program, linked to the first one by a Run statement, can reload the variables.

For even greater speed, you can save the variables to a RAM disk. The variable-passing routines found in Lewis Rosenfelder's Basic Faster and Better work well in Model III mode on a Model 4, but they won't work with Model 4 Basic or GW-Basic.

> William D. Tabor Jr. Thibodaux, LA

Window-Comments

Thank you for the favorable review of our product, Window-Comm (November 1985, p. 31). One thing the review didn't mention was that Pacific Software Consultants offers a \$10 rebate to each customer who persuades a friend to buy the product (limit one per purchased copy), making Window-Comm an exceptional value at \$8.95 after the rebate. A friend sold on it need only include the software license number of the original purchaser along with his order and we'll send the latter a \$10 rebate check.

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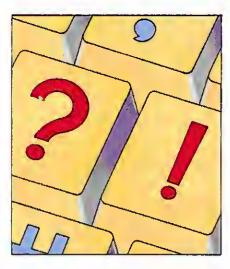
Thank you for including the kind remarks concerning TBase, my subroutines for recording data on cassette-based TRS-80 computers (July 1985, p. 17). Unfortunately, I have received a letter from Bruce O'Connor, a lawyer in Seattle, WA, who complains that my program name is too similar to a trademark of his client's, Traveling Software Inc. I have thus renamed my product Tapestry, and am including a copy of O'Connor's letter in the manual distributed with each copy of my work. (David B. Dillon, Derwood, MD)

• For those who missed Dillon's letter in the July 1985 Feedback
Loop, he has developed a set of 19 Assembly-language routines that let Model III
Basic maintain a cassette-based data file
much the same way that Disk Basic maintains a random-access ASCII file. For more
information, contact Dillon at 16533 Baederwood Lane, Derwood, MD 20855.

•In the July 1985 Feedback Loop •(p. 16), Ralph Turner asked for help in using cassette Scripsit 3.1 with his DMP-200 printer. I think I have a patch he could use. It isn't particularly elegant, but it gets the job done with a minimum of trouble.

My patch occupies Scripsit's title area, so that it steals no memory from your text. I used a method suggested by Arne Rohde's VCMOD utility (April 1983, p. 210). It lets you send control codes to your printer by intercepting every lessthan sign it encounters and Anding the ASCII value of the following character with 31. (In other words, the program keeps subtracting 32 from the ASCII value until the result is itself below 32.) Using this method, you can send the escape character (CHR\$(27)) to the printer by embedding <; or <(into the text; the BEL character (CHR\$(7)) by embedding <', <G, or <q; and so on.

In addition, if you want to print characters with ASCII values above 127, simply embed a greater-than sign in the text, followed by the character with an ASCII value of 128 less than that of the



character you want to print. To print CHR\$(240), embed >": to print CHR\$(191), embed >?; and so on.

Keep in mind that the less-than and greater-than signs foul up Scripsit's justification routines. I'd suggest setting J = N at the beginning of your document. And don't be frightened by the mention of Anding ASCII values—with your printer's ASCII code charts nearby, and a half-hour or so of practice, you'll soon get the hang of it.

Use a high-memory monitor (or

EDTASM) to enter this program into memory after you load Scripsit, then transfer control to Scripsit's entry address, 4303 hexadecimal (hex). In addition, change memory locations EEF hex and 4EF7 hex from CD 3B 00 to CD BD 48. Be sure to change these addresses before transferring control to Scripsit. This final alteration installs the patch. (Mark Reed, West Lebanon, NH)

A • Thank you for sending in your • Scripsit patch (see the Program Listing).

ol have a Level II 16K Model I, and I have just upgraded to a Model 4P, I want to transfer all my old programs to my new computer. Here in Chile some special chips (Signetics 2681) are not available and it is not easy to build an RS-232 interface for my Model I. I found Bob Hart's article "Bare Bones Communicator" in the June/July 1982 issue of 80 Micro (p. 128). I built the circuit and it worked. . . in one way. 1 can transfer Basic programs from the Model I to Model 4P but the Model I doesn't acknowledge Model 4P signals. I suspect the XRX modification in my old machine is the problem. I have read about that mod, but I don't know what

Program Listing. A Scripsit patch program.

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	POP	AP		Fl			
	OR	88R			99		
	JR	LOOP		16	E6		
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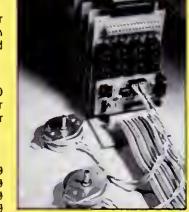
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FEEDBACK LOOP

it is. My model I has the serial number 058836 and two NEC ROM chips (8043364 and 8043732); the initial prompt is "Memory size?" Can it have the XRX modification? If it has, how can I disable it momentarily? (Jorge Herrero Endesa, Los Angeles, Chile)

Before you start looking at the XRX modification, alter the DB-25 connector you're using by tying lines 6, 8, and 20 together. The problem may be that the Model 4P is waiting for your Model I to transmit a Clear-to-send or Data Terminal Ready signal. Because the bare-bones communicator doesn't have those lines attached to anything, the Model 4P thinks the Model I isn't ready to receive, so it sends nothing.

Next, the XRX-III modification improves the reliability of the cassette file-loading procedure by making allowances for the low-quality cassette units and tapes on the market. It does, however, mean you can't use the cassette pori at speeds other than 500 baud. If you have the XRX modification installed, and tying lines 6, 8, and 20 together doesn't help your RS-232 communications, then you must disable the XRX-fil modification.

Information about the XRX-III modification and the standard TRS-80 cassette circuitry is available in Dennis Kiisz's book The Custom TRS-80 & Other Mysteries. This book is currently available from Montezuma Micro, an 80 Micro advertiser.

• I bought a Model 4P and haven't • been able to find programs for it in 80 Micro. Can you explain why? (Kenneth Fonseca, Los Angeles, CA)

One thing to keep in mind about the Model 4P is that all Model III and many Model I programs will run on it. While the program listings might not explicitly say 4P, most will work fine. Also, a great many of the more powerful programs for the Model 4 series are written in machine-language, such as Hardin Brothers' windowing program for the Model 4 (June, July, and August 1985, p. 102, 100, and 98, respectively).

The letter from Jon C. Schultz in your August column (p. 16) concerned a Radio Shack disk drive he bought in Japan that he can't get repaired. Your answer was to write to Tandy's Japanese division and ask for a service manual. I believe I can help him. I don't have the service manual for the specific drive he has but I'm quite sure that I can repair it for \$50 or less if he will send it to me at my floppy disk drive repair service.

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A Thanks for your help.

•I have written several programs
•that require the deletion of records from direct-access files. I can put deleted records at the end of the file with keys such as ZZZZZ or something similar, but I would like to have the option to shorten the file length by changing the directory entry. Is there a patch or a POKE that changes the length characteristic in the directory of a TRSDOS 1.3 system so that I can shorten files? (Richard Earp, Pensacola, FL)

• I know what you mean about wanting to delete such records, but fooling directly with the disk directory is not something you should do lightly. The DOS does more than just count the number of records in a file, it maintains a granule allocation table (GAT) that specifies which sections of the disk are free and which are occupied, a list of the tracks and sectors occupied on the disk by each file (in that file's directory entry), and the exact byte in the last sector immediately following the last byte of your file.

Changing the file length without changing the associated information in the GAT and directory entry is begging for a disaster. A time-consuming but simple way to delete such files is to write a Basic program that just copies the data to a new file that is the proper length, then deletes the old file and renames the new one with the old one's name. While this is slower, it has the advantage of letting the DOS do all the file location work, and doing it properly.

For more information about the design of the directory track, get Harv Pennington's book TRS-80 Disk & Other Mystertes from Montezuma Micro. The book was written for the Model 1, but the directory track design is the same for the lf1.

• When I use a Model 4, an Epson FX-80 printer set for a 2K buffer, and Model 4 Basic, and I type in the command OUT 248,15, I may or may not get the desired compressed print. When it works correctly, exiting Basic leaves the printer in the compressed-print mode. What do I need to do to assure that the response will be compressed print? (I presume that what precedes that command is the key, and have tried preceding OUT 248, 15 with the command OUT 236, INP(252) OR 16.)

Also, how do you define drive 1 as logical drive 5? (R.M. Doerr, Rolla, MO)

What you are doing is sending the code 15 to your Epson printer. Another way to do the same thing is to type LPRINT CHR\$(15) from Basic. I'm not sure why the Out command doesn't always work.

Setting drive 1 to drive 5 is simple. At the TRSOOS prompt type: SYSTEM (DRIVE = 5, DRIVER = "FLOPPY/DCT") and press enter. The floppy driver program will prompt you for the physical location of the drive you want readdressed. In this case type in "2" and press the enter key. And that's it. If you now type "OIR :5", the drive light on drive 1 will come on and the disk in it will have its directory scanned and displayed. Don't use this technique to make drive zero another logical drive. While you can do so, you might have difficulty trying to boot up your computer with the modified system.

Once you're satisfied with drive arrangement, use the SYSGEN command to save the new configuration to your disk. The next time you turn on the power, drive 1 will act as drive 5.

• In the August 1985 issue (p. 16), • Carl Sturner wrote about a problem that he was having with Super-Scripsit and the alignment for the apecial characters. Your suggestion to try different increments until he discovered the magic number was close to target.

I had the same problem and wrote to Tandy. They informed me that the spacing values listed in the Daisy Wheel Printer 410 manual were incorrect. If you print in elite or pica pitch, the width values are always 10 or 12 respectively. If you are printing in proportional spacing, the table values given in the printer manual on page 28 need to be multiplied by 2. After I followed these adjustments, my output lined up correctly. I didn't find anything wrong with SuperScripsit. (David J. Kelton, Richmond, VA)

A • Thank you for informing us of • the exact nature of the problem. And it's nice to know that the problem isn't SuperScripsit as we thought.

• In response to Craig L. Cole's equestion in the February 1985 issue (p. 18), I have noticed one other upgrade for the Model I that seems promising. In the September 1984 issue (p. 182), Micro-Labs Inc. advertises 80-GRAFIX, a plug-in, clip-on board upgrade for any Model III/I to provide 128 user-definable characters. It comes with over 20 programs and costs \$99.95. It's very brief and not well explained, but I would interpret the "user-definable characters" to be characters that use the "graphics" built in to the Model I: the 384 by 192 (I believe) pixels from which the computer creates the characters.

Is this board still made? If so, can you clarify what the board does and tell me how I can get it? (Greg Bryant, Roleigh, NC)

Yes, it is still manufactured. You can order it from Micro-Labs Inc., 902 Pinecrest, Richardson, TX, 75080 (214-235-0915). Unfortunately, I don't have any more information than what was in that advertisement. If anyone out there has bought and used this device, would you like to tell us about it and give your opinions?

•I have a Model I Level II computer. I bought the parts from Radio Shack and installed a lowercase kit without realizing that I need a driver program. Then Radio Shack told me that they could not furnish the driver! Can you or one of your readers help me on this one? (Edward R. King, Bloomington, IL)

Dennis Kitsz's book. The Custom TRS-80 & Other Mysteries, has a shori machine-language driver you can use either in DOS or Level II Basic, as well as a key repeat/debounce routine. This book is currently available from Montezuma Micro. If you don't already have it, you'll find it an excellent investment for your Model I. In addition, when you upgrade to DOS, you'll find that most DOSes automatically include an upper-lowercase driver as part of the system.

•1 am acquiring a Model 4 and an MS-DOS machine. I'd like to keep my Model I on-line for communications, but it takes up a lot of space. The solution would be to hide the expansion interface and the central processing unit under my deak, extend the monitor cable, and then buy an external keyboard with a long cable. How could I patch the new keyboard into the system or where can I find information on same? (Joel M. Reed, New York, NY)

Dennis Kitsz's book, The Custom TRS-80 & Other Mysteries, has just the solution you want. Kitsz designed a remote keyboard and video setup to let him put his Model I in one room while working in another (this was so he could sit beside his warm wood stove without worrying about the smoke or dust contaminating the computer or its drives). It isn't difficult; it just requires a little soldering work.

Charles H. Samuel's question regarding the sort from the Tandy newsletter (June 1985, p. 17). The code in question is a call to the CINT function in ROM, CD 0A7F. This code is in the same address in both Models I and III and converts the number the USR statement passes to an integer in the HL register pair. Many machine-language programs use this call to properly load HL with the passed parameter.

The easiest way to implement these subroutines on the Model 4 is to replace CD 7F 0A with zeros (NOP instructions), then define a variable, such as Sort, as the starting address. If the integer variable N contains the number of elements, you can invoke the subroutine by the statement CALL SORT (N).

Model 4 Basic appears identical to MBasic in CP/M. The pointer to the variable in parentheses automatically loads into the HL pair. This is described in the TRSDOS 6 manual in Part fi under the Call statement.

People accustomed to loading an integer array with multiple parameters can use this same method. Delete the CD 0A7F statements in the routines, define a variable to point at the entry point, and execute the calls by the Basic statement Call routine (P%(0)).

Not only does this work, but following the purpose of machine-language subroutine calls becomes easier, since you can make a variable name more descriptive than a USR statement. (Larry E. Fosdick, Athens, GA)

A • Thanks for troubleshooting the • sort routine. You can now use it on all the low-number series Tandy computers, Models I to 4.

• I am writing about a letter from a reader in Germany (January 1984, p. 28) that described the problems he had with his computer when he tried to connect it to the 220-volt, 50-hertz power line. We have this kind of power line in Argentina and I recently had a similar problem with the drive motor self-starting.

After a long session with an oscilloscope checking the various test points in the computer, I found a problem in the power transformer, which has a primary winding designed for 110 V and 60 Hz. Apparently the transformer was designed with little margin for overload. When you connect it to a 50 Hz line, it overloads due to the overmagnetization, and the output results in a distorted sine wave with plenty of harmonics.

The drive, a Tandon TM-100 sold by Radio Shack as an external unit for the Model III, has two power supplies: a +5 V and a +12 V. The +5 V is built around a three-terminal regulator, which is a high gain device and subject to auto oscillations. Because the power supplies put out a distorted waveform, the harmonics reach sine wave proportions and the regulator would oscillate at regular intervals.

The control lines of the drive are active low (low voltage indicates a logical zero), so the Motor On line (among others) is pulled up to a logical $1 \ (+5 \ V)$ to signify an off state. Because the logical $1 \ depends on the +5 \ V$ line, when the regulator oscillates this power line drops to zero. The servo motor, which works from the $+12 \ V$ line, is fooled into thinking a true Motor On signal has been received and turns on the drive motor.

The solution is to replace the current 110 V power supply with one using a 220 V 50 Hz primary winding. (Javier Henderson, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Thank you for a clear description of the mysterious overseas self-starting drive problem. If your overseas system suffers from this complaint, just replace the current drive power supply with a new one designed for the 220 V power grids frequently used worldwide.

• This is a response to William Kirksey's question about how to transfer Radio Shack's MicroChess from tape to disk (August 1984, p. 14). I have a dual drive 48K Model III running TRS-DOS 1.3. By using the Tape command I could transfer my version of MicroChess from tape to disk. Since you have a Model III, try using TRSDOS 1.3 to make the transfer. (S.R. Perry, Hayward, CA)

A So it is possible to move the game to disk. I was afraid that there might have been some noncontiguous code in it that precluded the transfer. Thanks.■

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Tandy's 1985 Seesaw: Revenues Up, Profits Down

Tandyland

Financially speaking, last year was pretty tough for Tandy. Although the company took in 2 perceut more money in fiscal 1985 (which ended June 30) than in 1984, its net profit dropped almost 33 percent, the first such drop since 1978 (see the Figure).

In raw figures, Tandy reported a \$189.1 million profit on sales of \$2.84 billion for fiscal 1985. That compares with a \$281.9 million profit on \$2.78 billion in sales the previous year.

In comments published in

the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Garland Asher, Tandy director of financial planning, blamed Tandy's bad year on the slumping business computer market. Asher cited as evidence disappointing sales of the Model 2000, on which Tandy took an \$18 million write-off last April (see Pulse Train, August 1985, p. 21). The success of the Tandy 1000 and strong sales of the 1200 HD further weakened the 2000's sales position, according to Asher, and Tandy accordingly cut the 2000's price to \$1,599 in July.

Despite last year's financial setbacks, both Tandy officials and industry anaiysts remain upbeat about the company's future. Don F. Sinsabaugh of Swergold Chefitz, a New York investment banking firm, sees some exciting new products on the horizon for Tandy. However, none of them is in the microcomputer market, "The videocassette recorder market will continue to grow. In audio, compact discs are strong, and cellular communications will have strong growth in the next couple of years as prices come down. Tandy will get its fair share of that." Meanwhile, Tandy's Asher says, "This is going to be a big year for new products, both in the computer area and (for) other merchandise."

So far, the optimism seems justified. July 1985 sales indicate a rebound from Tandy's dismal fiscal 1985 numbers: Worldwide sales were up 12 percent over

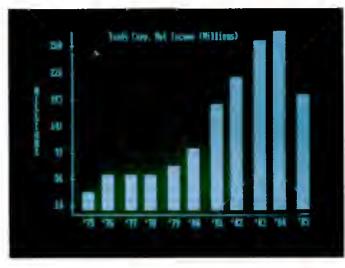


Figure. Tandy's annual net profits for 1975-1985.

July of last year, and U.S. sales were up 19 percent.

With January approaching, we'll soon see if the rumors of a new Tandy Color Computer are on target. Speculation about a new breed of Color Computer has gone on for two years now, but recently the rumors have been full of explicit details.

Word is that the machine will run under Microware's OS-9 operating system with a 640- by 400-pixel screen, up to 512K of RAM, and one double-sided 3½-inch disk drive. The scuttlebutt on CompuServe puts the computer's price at \$499.

For old CoCo users, the good news is that Tandy will still sell the CoCo II, but at the reduced price of \$99 and only in a 64K configuration. Tandy might bundle DeskMate with the new computer, as they're doing with the Model 4D and the Tandy 1000. The CoCo DeskMate costs \$99.95 and has two more functions than the 1000 and 4D versions: a simple paint module and a general-ledger module.

As usual, Tandy won't confirm or deny reports of a more powerful CoCo in the offing.

Meanwhile, speculation about a new Tandy laptop can, for the moment, be put to rest. The anticipated Tandy 600, which, according to rumor, would take on Data General's DG-1 MS-DOS portable, is vaporware.

According to my sources, Tandy did develop a new laptop, though it wasn't MS-DOS-based. But the feeling in the Tandy Towera was that the machine was a kludge and would never make it to market.

On the other portable hand, a new version of the Model 100 might show up soon. Tandy reportedly had a new thiu-line 100 in the works as of early September, readying it for an October introduction. The revamped machine will have a minimum configuration of

24K RAM and should cost \$299.

My source tells me that Tandy won't adapt the Model 200 to the new, thin design. While that might sound like a nonstory, the reason behind the decision should spark some interest.

Apparently, Tandy's agreement with Kyocera Ltd. of Japan, makers of the 200, was for a limited order of 85,000 units. The stipulation was that if the machine didn't sell as well as expected, Kyocera would produce no more machines, and Tandy would simply sell off its atock until it was gone. At this point, Tandy's still working off the original lot of 85,000 computers, and has no plans to order any more.

I often report how Tandy computere do against their competitors, but it's worth mentioning that Tandy also selis a significant number of printers, monitors, disk drives, and modems. In its July 22, 1985, issue, Computer + Software News published June sales figures for computers and peripherals, and Tandy ranked no lower than second in

any category (see Table 1).

Df the best-selling personal computer brands, Tandy/Radio Shack placed second with 20 percent of the retail market. They were second in the printer category with 18 percent of the market, and first in sales of monitors and disk drives, with shares of 18 and 21 percent, respec-

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	Brand	% retail
Computers	IBM	30
	Radio Shack	20
	Apple	19
Printers	Epson	18
	Tandy	18
	Apple	15
Monitors	Tandy	18
	Apple	14
	IВМ	14
Disk Drives	Tandy	21
	Apple	19
	IBM	7
Modema	Hayes	43
	Tandy	20
	Apple	13

Table 1. Best-selling brands of personal computers and peripherals during June 1985.

tively. Tandy's share of the modem market was 20 percent, good enough for a second-place finish.

MicroTrends

Some microcomputer companies aren't happy about a recent deal between IBM and the Mexicau government, whereby IBM will own and operate a microcomputer manufacturing plant in Mexico. That's a significant departure from Mexico's national trade law requiring that computer plants have Mexican majority ownership.

Earlier this year, Mexico let Tandy start manufacturing Model 1000 computers in a Mexico City plant, but limited Tandy's ownership stake to 49 percent. Similarly, Apple has a minority share in an operation that produces Apple IIs in Mexico.

Tandy's reaction to the exception was subdued; they were generally pleased to be able to produce their top seller in Mexico and open up a Latin American distribution network for the 1000. But Richard Hojel, chairman of Apple de Mexico, didn't like it a bit. "What we're seeing here is a tremendous amount of armitwisting by a very powerful company," said Hojel. "in principle I'm in complete agreement with IBM's presence, because I believe the best defense of private enterprise is competition. But let's all play by the same rules."

In August, Microsoft and IBM penned a joint software development agreement that virtually guarantees Microsoft's position as developer of future IBM PC operating systems. The move quashed rumors that IBM was preparing to introduce a proprietary operating systems.

Device	% sold 1983	% sold 1989 (eat.)
Digitizer	33.2	18.6.
Data tablet	11.9	36.4
Light pen	9.0	4.4
Touch screen	6.4	12.2
Joystick	17.5	5.1
Trackball	6.8	3.3
Mouse	9.4	13.2
Speech	5.8	6.8
Total Sales	\$131 million	\$962 million (est.)

Table 2. The U.S. workstation interface device market.

tem for its PC line. In an interview with CW Newsnet, IBM analyst Michele Preston of L.F. Rothschtld, Unterberg, and Towbin said, "The agreement puts to rest whatever questions remained about IBM moving away from DOS. It's very positive for the industry." Microsoft is apparently free to liceuse jointly developed products to other manufacturers, good news for Tandy and other makers of IBM compatibles.

Market researchera at International

Data Corp. see a bright future for companies manufacturing data entry devices such as data tablets, light pens, and touch screens. IDC expects sales of these units, collectively called workstation interface devices (WIDs), to increase sevenfold through 1989 (see Table 2).

In 1983, manufacturers shipped 1.6 million WIDs. IDC estimates shipments of almost 12 million units by 1989. In terms of revenue, IDC expects the WID market to grow from \$131 million in 1983 to \$1 billion in 1989.

Hot Items

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What would J. Edgar Hoover think? Microcomputer users who subscribe to CompuServe can now help track down fugitives on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list.

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Appealing to the public seems to pay off for the FBI. Since 1950, when the 10 Most Wanted program began displaying photos in post offices, citizen cooperation has resulted in the capture of 109 of the 366 fugitives on the list.

Update

Portable computers' papalarity problems aren't confined to the U.S., according to Systems Concepts Ltd., a London-based research firm. In a study of the European portable market, they found that only 85,000 units sold on the continent last year, even though 12 million Europeans travel on the job.

Systems Concepts believes the market isn't understood yet. Instead of focusing merely on portables' size, they say, sellers should bill their products as "personal support systems." The report notes that buyers want more than a machine that fills out forms; they want a system that will improve the way they work. Specialized software for portables is another need, according to the study.

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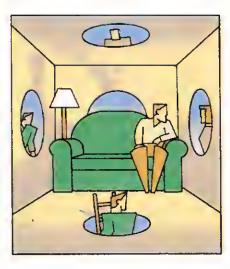
If you're using Arnold van Beverhoudt's **Graph Master program** (February 1985, p. 68) **with a DMP-120**, here's a tip from Alfred Kohlberg Jr. of New Carrollton, MD. Set DIP switch 1 to on and rewrite line 3038 to read LPRINT CHR\$(10);:LPRINT CHR\$(13);:Y = Y + 1: IF Y = 48 GOTO 3046.

Ray Pelzer tells us that his Croascheck program (September 1985, p. 66) won't recognize the period as a variable character in a Basic program. Clifford 1. Knight cites the period as an undocumented but valid character in his article "Summer Romance: Learning to Love Model 4 Basic" (Angust 1985, p. 38).

Speaking of Cliff Knight, his Scrip-Aid modification to Scripsit (January 1985, p. 60) apparently ian't compatibic with Scripsit 01.00.01. Don Coffin of Los Alamos, NM, found this out when he tried to use ScripAid with a version of Scripsit he had upgraded; the print functions dldn't work. If you've had the same problem, try using Scripsit 01.00.00.

We're still getting **Modei 4 scroll-protect routines** in response to our article "Stationary Department" (May 1985, p. 74). The latest is from Andy Leviusou: 10 NN% = 0:N%(0) = 78:N%(1) = 1798:N%(2) = 3902:N%(3) = 13841:NN% = VAR-PTR(N%(0)):CALLNN%(NL%):RETURN. Simply set NL% for the number of lines you want to protect. Program Listing 1 shows the source code.

Gilbert A. Emmert of Madison, Wl, submits a modification to our Fast-Baa Baaic compiler (January 1985, p. 42) that lets you specify an upper limit on the section of RAM FastBas uses and changes the reserved memory size from within the compiler. It also lets you determine the amount of variable space to set aside. You can now use compiled programs with other high-memory programs and compile machine-language subroutines more readily. Program Listing 2 lists the lines you should change. Also, delete line 1010. Finally, line 7275 determines HIGH\$ in LDOS; other DOSes might require different addresses. If your DOS has no equivalent to HIGH\$, delete line 7275.



Hints and Tips

Two readers have written in with ways to activate the Modei 4P'a RAM test. Bernard P. Tiltges of Lexington Park, MD, found that you can press the hyphen, left arrow, and right arrow keys simultaneously, while J.A. Kempen of Coevorden, Netherlands, discovered the 6-8-0 combination.

Michael Friedland of San Bernardino, CA, has a simple JCL file (Fig. 1) that lets you aend printer control charactera to an Epaon from DOS, Basic, and some programs. You use the @ key followed by a letter. The @ key translates into an escape code. Thus, the printer reads @E as "escape-E."

Program Listing 1. Source code for scroll protect routine.

LD	C,(EL)	Get low byte integer argument from Basic
LD LD	B,7 A,15	;Condition code for scroll protection ;VDCTL SVC code
RST	28B	Do the SVC
RET		;Return to Basic

Program Listing 2. FastBas modification.

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512 PDKEM, P:PRINTP;:M=M+1:IFM<-12+TP THEN RETURN ELSE CLS:PRINT:PRINT "Program has exceeded protected memory size"
1001 GOTO 720B
1005 Q=PEEK(16540)+256*PEEK(16549):L=1:K=0:FP=0:CP=0:MC=PEEK(16561)
+PEEK (16562) *256+3-65536:M=MC
1013 Q=Q1
1015
    -2*26+TP:VF=-4*26*(1+IS)+VT:VA=-4*NO*DO+VF:VD=-4*NT*DT*DT-2*
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512:P=E1:GDEUB 512:P=D1:GOSUB 512:P=237:GOSUB 512:P=176:GOSDB
512:RETURN 'CLEAR
7200 IS=10:DO=20:DT=20:SL=40:NC=26:NT=2:NS=26
7210 PRINT "Number of additional S.P. variables per letter="; IS;:INPUT"New=";IS
7220 PRINT"Dimension of 1-D arrays=";DD;:INPUT"
                                                                          New= ": DO
7220 PRINT Dimension of 1-D arrays=";DD;:INPUT" New=";DT
7230 PRINT Dimension of 2-D arrays=";DT;:INPUT" New=";DT
7240 PRINT Length of strings=";SL;:INPUT" New=";DT
7250 PRINT Number of 1-D arrays allowed=";ND;:INPUT" New=";NO
7260 PRINT Number of 2-D arrays allowed=";NT;:INPUT" New=";NO
727B PRINT"Number of strings allowed=";NS;:INPUT"
                                                                            New=";NS
7271 PRINT:PRINT
7275 HP!=PEEK(&H4411)+256*PEEK(&B4412):PRINT"HIGB$=";BP!;
7277 BP!=PEEK(16561)+256*PEEK(16562)+1:PRINT*
                                                                      Start of reserved
memory";BP1
      INPUT New start of reserved memory=";BP!:BP!=8P!-1
7279 D1=INT(BP:/256):E1=BP:-256*D1:POKE 16562,D1:POKE 16561,E1 7200 INPUT*Top of usable memory TP:IF TP:>RP: TEEN 7288
7284 IF TPI<BP! TREN 7270
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Leigh L. Klotz of McComb, MS, reports that TRSDOS 6,2 lets you use periods instead of siashes as separators when entering the date on boot-up, and notes, "This makes filling in the date from the numeric keypad a snap."

Model 2000 owners: Alice Davis of Columbiaville, MI, sent the short **Basic screen print routine** in Program Listing 3. Line 15 includes the number of lines to print, while line 20 represents the width. You can print portions of the

Program Listing 3. Model 2000 screen print routine.

15 FOR A=1 TO 24 28 FOR B=1 TO 88 38 C=SCREEN(A,B) 48 LPRINT CHR\$(C); 58 NEXT B 68 NEXT A

SET *FF TO FORMS/FLT FILTER *PR TO *FF FORMS (XLATE=X'401B)

Figure 1. JCL file for sending Epson printer codes.

screen by changing the values; for example, to print the lower right quarter, change line 15 to FOR A=13 TO 24 and line 20 to FOR B=41 TO 80.

Figure 2 lists several patches we've received recently. The first, from Kenneth Stahl of Manassas, VA, prevents Model 4 ALEDIT's J command from erasing the first column of the response. The second two, also from Stahl, let you permanently enable external drives 2 and 3, respectively, under TRSDOS 6.2. The next four, 4-7, are from James R.

Reed of Dallas, TX. The first eliminates delta symbols used to indicate two spaces in **SuperScripsit**. The next adds the library command **Kill**, which functions as **Re**move does. The third disables **password checking**. Finally, the fourth prevents the screen from clearing after a pause when reading long directories.

Patches 8 and 9, from Adam Rubin of Wappingers Falls, NY, disable the carrier detect check so Models fil and 4 Videotex Plus, respectively, will run with modems other than the Radio Shack Modem II.

- 1. PATCE ALEDIT/CMD (005,46=C3 E1 38:F05,46=C5 D5 E5)
- 2. PATCE BOOT/SYS.LSIDOS (002,04=C3:F02,84=C9)
- 3. PATCH BOOT/SYS.LSIDOS (D92,0E=C3:F02,8E=C9)
- 4. PATCH SCRIPSIT/CTL (D14,20=10:F14,28=20) FATCH SCR35/CTL (D01,30=10:F01,30=20)
- 5. PATCE SYS1/SYS.LSIDOS (D02,01=4B:F02,01=00)
- 6. PATCH SYS2/SYS.LSIDOS (DB2,33=18:F02,33=28)
- 7. PATCH SYS6/SYS.LSIDOS (OBA,5P=00 00 00:F0A,5F=3E 69 EF)
- 0. PATCH VIDTEX/CMD (ADD=73BE,FIND=C8,CEG=C9)
- 9. PATCH VIDTEX/CMD (X'489A'=8 8 8)

Figure 2. Patches.

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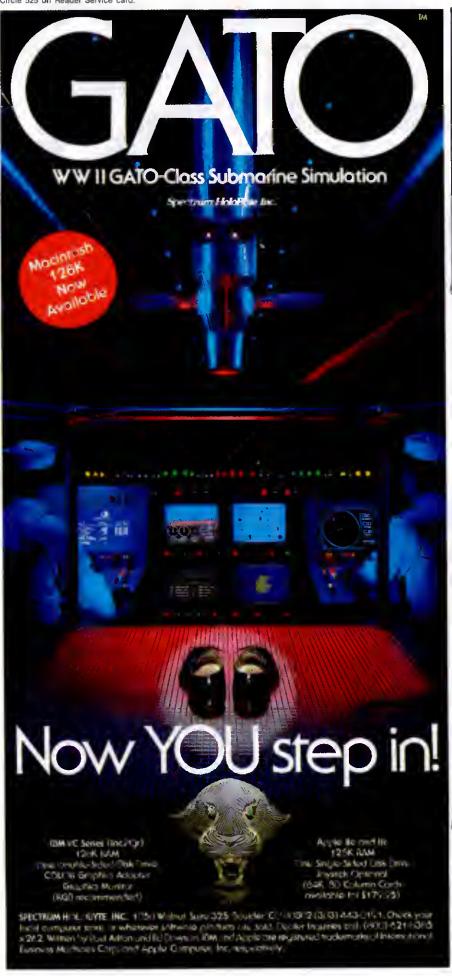
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or a Radio Shack high-resolution board and GBasic 3.0. Micro-Labs inc. (see address above), \$39.95.

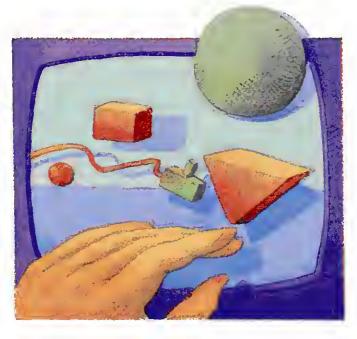


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ommercial software for the Models lil and 4/4P high-resolution (hi-res) boards has been slow in coming, but off-the-shelf products are finally making their way into computer stores. Micro-Labs offers several packages for its hi-res board, including GBasic, Draw, and the Joy-Mouse Interface. The software works on Micro-Lab's Grafyx Solution hi-res board, which is highly compatible with Radio Shack's board.

Overall, I was impressed with Micro-Labs' three products. They represent some of the best graphics products I've



seen for the TRS-80-compatible highresolution boards. While GBasic isn't fully compatible with Radio Shack's BasicG, it has more functions and features. And Radio Shack doesn't have an equivalent to the Draw program or the Joy-Mouse Interface.

GBasic 3.0

GBasic offers more features and versatility than Radio Shack's BasicG, even though it's smaller by about 500 bytes. It also provides wider printer support, including that for Radio Shack, Okidata, Epson, Anadex, Centronics, C. Itoh, and NEC printers.

The GBasic disk contains 40 programs and files of practical applications, demos, examples, and utilities. It requires TRSDOS 6.1.X on the Model 4/4P, with Basic 1.1.0 (other versions of Basic won't work). GBasic will also merge with standard Basic under TRSDOS 1.3, LDOS, DOSPLUS 3.5 and IV (and its extended Basic), and NEWDOS/80. Check with Micro-Labs for the correct version of Basic for proper operation.

GBasic offers some features BasicG doesn't. You can save or load high-resolution screens created with Micro-Labs' Draw program in standard picture file format from within GBasic. You can put an entire screen in reverse video format with a single command. You can even load a version of GBasic into high memory, and call Assembly-language subroutines to perform hi-res functions.

Micro-Labs designed GBasic 3.0 to fully support its hi-res board, but it doesn't completely support Tandy's board. The differences lie mainly in the commands that control screen resolution. Also, Radio Shack's board doesn't allow text overlay of graphics, while Micro-Labs' board does.

GBasic Commanda

GBasic links itself to standard Basic; you invoke its functions by preceding

commands with the @ symbol. Some of the commands match those of Radio Shack's BasicG, while others differ in both name and operation.

GBasic offers two commands to put you in hi-res mode, one for the Micro-Labs board, the other for the Radio Shack board. Micro-Labs recommends using @ON1 to enable graphics on the Radio Shack board, since it doesn't show hash lines when writing to the display. I found the Micro-Labs board's @ON command much faster in manipulating the display. The @OFF command turns off the hi-res screen and returns you to the normal text screen.

The Micro-Labs hi-res board gives you a choice of display density, which you specify with GBasic's Mode command. In addition to the standard 640- by 240-pixel resolutions, you can select resolutions of 512 by 192 pixels and 320 by 240 pixels.

GBasic gives you myriad commands for drawing geometric figures. You set individual points by specifying X,Y screen coordinates and a color parameter that dictates different video densities. Available color values range from zero to 255, which produce "colors" from blanks to solids.

You can test these points to determine their status with the Point command and a pair of coordinates. The command returns a value of 1 when the point is set, zero if clear, and 2 if it is out of the 640-by 240-pixel graphics boundary.

You draw lines by specifying X,Y coordinates and a color value. Once you draw one line, you can continue to draw others by specifying only endpoints (X2,Y2 coordinates). Each time GBasic draws s line, the previous stop point (X2,Y2) becomes the implied X1,Y1 value for the next line; you just keep supplying X2,Y2 coordinates.

You can also make boxes and circles. The Circle commands not only let you draw circles, they produce ellipses with different aspect ratios, sections of ellipses, and arcs as well.

You can fill in any of GBasic's shapes with the Fill command. You must make sure you enclose the fill area by solid lines or the fill will bleed outside the shape. A Fill parameter lets you stipulate the density of the fill.

You can change every point on the graphics screen to its reverse-video complement with a single command, and you can print text on-screen, specifying where it's to go with X,Y coordinates. You can print text from left to right, sideways from top to bottom, upside down from right to left, and sideways from bottom to top.

GBasic even lets you simulate animation with Get and Put commands. You can put small sections of a display into an array and retrieve it back to the screen in reverse video. You can also Aud, Or, or XOR the contents of the array to the screen.

You define sections of the screen to be used as plotting areas or windows with GBasic's Using command. You can use the optional Frame parameter to frame the viewing area, fill it in with various patterns, or erase its contents.

A Print command prints your graphics display. An available Printer parameter lets you specify what kind of printer you're using based on a predefined set of printer codes.

Once you finish designing a screen, you can save it to or retrieve it from disk. Since GBasic saves displays in a disk file, you must use standard Basic commands to open and close them. For example, to load in a display file you type in OPEN"R", 1, "FILE NAME/XXX": @LOAD:CLOSE.

Utilities

GBasic comes with several utilities. GTest is a small demonstration routine that runs through a series of graphics displays to verify GBasic's operation. While GTest isn't as long or extensive as Radio Shack's BasicG test, it seems to be effective. It also demonstrates some of GBasic's high-resolution displays.

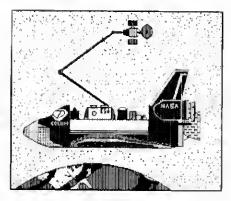


Figure. Printout of a high-resolution design created with Draw.

GBasic/LOD is the Assembly-language program that invokes GBasic's graphics commands. It loads itself into high memory to accommodate machine-language calls to the graphics routines.

SAVLOAD/CMD and SAVLOAD/BAS save and load high-resolution pictures to disk.

Mode V performs the same functions as GBasic's @ON, @ON1, and @OFF commands, and lets you control the hires display from TRSDOS: Setting V equal to zero disables graphics display, to 1 enables the 512 by 192 mode (640 by 240 on the Model 4 board), and to 3 enables 640- by 240-pixel resolution.

The VECTORS/ASM and POINT/ASM source code files contain Assembly-language programs that demonstrate line-

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GBasic's Docs

The GBasic manual is short, but makes up for its brevity with sample demonstration programs written in both Basic and Assembly language. It also provides the high-resolution entry points in upper memory so you can do your own Assembly-language calls to the graphics routines.

Draw

Draw is a 10K Assembly-language program that lets you create and edit sophisticated high-resolution graphics. You use the arrow keys along with Draw's simple commands to create boxes, circles, set or reset points, and so on. You can also shift a screen in any direction, and save any portion of it to disk. In addition, Draw works with Micro-Labs' Joy-Mouse Interface to facilitate drawing.

Draw comes on a TRSDOS 1.3 disk with a few sample high-resolution programs; you have to convert it to use it with TRSDOS 6.X systems. The disk includes a couple of design templates, two "TRON" movie pictures, a dragon, and a picture of the space shuttle.

Draw Commands

Loading Draw and pressing the enter key puts you in Draw's Edit mode. You use the commands displayed on-screen to draw pictures and manipulate the display (Table 1 summarizes Draw's commands).

You draw in one of five modes. The first four, numbered zero to 3, appear on the command list. Mode zero clears every set point the cursor hits. Mode 1 sets every point the cursor hits and mode 2 puts each point in reverse video. Mode 3 lets you akip around the display without affecting the picture and mode 4 lets you euter text on-screen.

Once you position Draw's cursor, pressing the spacebar changes the point under the cursor to reverse video. This lets you do detail work without changing modes. You can clear the display with the clear key, and the break key exits Draw.

Drawing lines and boxes is as simple as positioning the cursor over one point, anchoring it with the E or B key, moving the cursor to the end point (corner point if a box), and pressing the appropriate key again. You draw circles in the same way, except that you have to supply certain parameters to draw ellipses and arcs.

You fill in an area on the display with the F command. It accepts values from zero to 255 so you can stipulate the desired shading or binary bit pattern. Here

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again, you have to enclose the area you want to fill to prevent spillover.

You enter text on the screen with the T command, with characters comprislng an 8- by 10-dot matrix. It supports upper-flowercase characters beginning at the current cursor position.

Draw includes two interesting capabilities for screen manipulation. The Negate Screen command puts every point on the screen in reverse video, creating some intriguing results. The Reverse Image command produces a mirror image

emulates resolutions of 640 by 240 pixels, 320 by 240, 160 by 240, and 160 by 120. You can also create dotted lines when you move the cursor in mode 2 at a "brush" setting of 3 or 4.

The Get and Put commands send and retrieve drawings to and from Draw's 22K memory buffer. You define the portion of the screen you want to save by specifying two opposite diagonal corners of a rectangular area. Then Draw prompts you to name the area with one or two characters. You can save as many

port on the Models III and 4/4P, lets you connect Radio Shack's Color Mouse, Koala Touch Pad. Electronic Book, joystick, or any other Color Computer joystick to your computer. The Interface also provides an on-board expansion connector in case you're using the one on your computer.

The Joy-Mouse Interface works with GBasic, Draw, and Micro-Labs' graphics board, providing direct and quick cursor positioning and drawing. Resolution values of both X and Y coordinates range from zero to 255. The hardware supports both GBasic and Assembly-language programs.

Micro-Labs based the Interface on the ADC0809 8-bit/eight-channel analog-to-digital chip and uses only four of the available eight channels. It offers two joystick modes: proportional and eight-position. The proportional mode, for a Color Computer joystick, varies an analog signal. The eight-position mode works with Atari or Alpha-type joysticks that return a value corresponding to one of eight positions. You need different software for each of the modes.

When using the Joy-Mouse Interface with Draw, you choose from two mouse modes. The first plots a screen resolution of 256 by 240 pixels. The second mode offers full 640- by 240-pixel resolution but divides the screen into three sections with overlaps. (Since the interface can return only X,Y coordinates within the zero to 255 range [due to the 8-bit analog-to-digital converter], it splits the 640 by 240 screen.)

The ? command puts you in the fullscreen mode (256 by 240 pixels) and you can set two horizontal dots at a time. The / command puts you in the 640- by 240pixel mode. Since this resolution splits the screen, the comma key shifts you to the right screen and the period key to the left.

I used the Koala Touch Pad with Draw and found it easy to create drawings. You need to apply constant pressure on the pad while drawing or you'll start splattering dots. While in Draw's Skip mode (mode 3), you draw when you press and hold the left Koala button. For intricate pictures, I recommend using the arrow keys.

Conclusion

If you're interested in high-resolution applications, I think Micro-Labs' software and hardware products offer anything you could want.

I do have one complaint about the manuals' numbering: Micro-Labs skipped some of the numbers and duplicated others. This is a minor point, but Micro-Labs should rectify the problem so that the quality of the manuals matches that of the software and hardware.

<ARROW KEYS>-Move cursor <SPACE > - Complement point <CLEAR>-New picture <SHIFT> + <ARROW>-Move screen <BREAK>—Exit program <ENTER > - Exit subcommand 1-Set point mode 0-Clear point mode 2-Complement point mode 3—Skip mode B-Oraw a box C-Draw a circle D-Dump screen to printer E-Set line endpoint F-Fill in shape G-Get block from screen J-Jump to position L-Load hi-res screen

M-Display menu N-Negate screen
P-Put block onto screen R-Reverse image L/R
S-Save hi-res screen T-Text entry mode
V-Velocity of cursor W-Paint brush width
X-Random X coordinate Y-Random Y coordinate

Toble. Draw commands.

of the original display. It even displays text in reverse.

You can dump the display to a printer by pressing the D key. The Figure shows a high-resolution space shuttle dumped to my Okidata 92 printer.

Press the S key to save your display to disk in standard SAVLOAD format, which you can load from GBasic or TRS-DOS. You can scan any directory by pressing the appropriate drive number key (zero to 3), then decide on which drive to save the display file.

Other Features

You can reposition Draw's entire screen in any direction by pressing the shift and arrow keys. The display moves one dot at a time in the up/down direction and two dots in the left/right direction. Dots that shift off the screen wrap around to the opposite side.

The J command lets you move the cursor directly to a position you specify with X.Y coordinates. Entering X,Y values of zero positions the cursor to the screen's top left-hand corner.

The V command changes the cursor's speed. You can vary the speed in 10 increments, with zero being the fastest. The slowest speed moves the cursor across the screen one dot at a time.

You can change the width of the cursor paint brush by specifying values of from 1-4. This changes the pixel size, which

blocks as disk space allows or until you fill the 22K buffer.

The Put command redraws a previously saved block anywhere on the screen. You position the cursor where you want the upper left corner of the block to begin. When you invoke Put, Draw displays a list of all your saved blocks. You then specify how you want the block put back on-screen; you can copy the block to the screen and overlay the screen's contents, change each point to reverse video, or use the commands And, Or, and XOR to manipulate the screen and block contents.

After putting blocks Into Draw's buffer, you can save them to disk for later use. Press the break key, copy down the number that represents the end of the buffer, and exit Draw.

Once in TRSDOS, save your modules to disk with TRSDOS's Dump command: Type in DUMP FILE NAME/CMD (START = X'B9A8', END = X'nnnn').

After saving the modules, type in DO DRAW and answer the prompt to load in LXDraw, which then loads the block module into memory and executes Draw. You can then look at the module names and write them to the screen with the Put command.

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The Money Decisions Series is a group of five Model 4 programs that can help you make financial decisions on anything from simple-interest loans to complex real estate investments.

The Programs

Most of us know how to calculate interest earned, but things get more complicated with additions to the initial investment and/or daily compounding. If you throw in tax percentage calculations, you might get lost. That's where the Money Decision Series comes in: It offers virtually any kind of financial analysis you'd want to make. You enter the appropriate data at the prompts, and the program does the hard work.

Tandy sells the series in five independent volumes: Basic Investment Analysis (Money Decisions I). Real Estate and Loans Analysis (II), Business Statistics and Forecasting (III), Business Management (IV), and Advanced Investment Analysis (V). You buy only those programs of interest, and each works similarly; once you use one, you know how to use them all.

Each module displays its available functions on a main menu. After you choose an option, you enter the appropriate variables.

At times, the variables' on-screen descriptions don't clearly indicate what input the program expects—you have to consult the manual. But you can make corrections after you input data, and you can calculate a data value on the fly using the add, subtract, multiply, or divide symbol.

You can display or print out the results of calculations. The on-screen results scroll by, but you stop them by pushing any key. If you print out the results, you can change or reenter the data values to repeat the same equation at the end of the printout.

The Money Decisions modules include on-screen tutorials that describe overall functions and specific sections from within the program. The tutorial moves slowly, which is fine the first time you use it, but it's tiresome if you need information near the end.

You may be able to get along without the manual by using the tutorial if you understand financial concepts. But, if any of them are new, you'll need the manual's detailed explanations.

Strangely enough, you can't save your data to disk, and you lose everything in moving from one module to another.

I did find mention in the Special Options section in Money Decisions IV that you can save your input values and results to a file, but the command doesn't work. And the Special Options table doesn't display this command, it may be that Radio Shack at one time was going to have a Save Files option, but later canceled it and didn't eatch this reference.

Simple Investments

The beginning investor or homeowner would probably find greatest utifity in the first two modules in the series. Basic Investment Analysis and Real Estate and Loan Analysis. Some of the calculations are quite elementary, so they give the lowest dollar value of the five programs.

Basic Investments helps you calculate personal investment values: how much you must invest periodically to reach a specific goal; how much you can withdraw in equal amounts over a given time span; the interest rate you need to meet a specific goal; the rate of return on investments with differing cash flows; the effects of continuous compounding; the current value of stocks and bonds; and present and future values of annuities. An accompanying chart shows carned interest over a period of time before and after taxes.

The second module, Real Estate and Loan Analysis, lets you figure loan costs from every angle. You can calculate a loan amount from Interest, time, and payment amounts; payment amount from time, interest, and principal values; your final payment if you pay off a loan at any point in the payment schedule; time needed to pay a loan at ceriain interest and payment rates; and interest rates when you have time, payments, and principal data.

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The second module lets you figure the cost of property, both monthly and total, including taxes, insurance, and utilities.

In typical loans, much of the early payments goes to interest, not principal. This, of course, affects your tax return. Real Estate and Loan Analysis can calculate how much of your payments go to interest, using the Rule of 78s that banks use. It displays the interest for the month, accumulated interest, and interest still owed.

Finally, you can do some rudimentary forecasting, based on past data and smoothed according to your specifications. You can also print out bar graphs of your forecasts, with or without the smoothing constant.

As in all the Money Decisions programs, you can internally pass the results of one computation to another section of the program. I used the program to figure the payment amount for a mortgage, then passed that result to another section to display amortization tables.

Not for the Novice

Money Decisions III and IV. Business Statistics and Forecasting and Business Management, are business financial programs. The first of these is almost entirely devoted to statistical forecasting. You can determine risk-adjusted net present value, expected value of a future event, and average growth rate. You can calculate payoff matrix analyses. Bayesian decision analyses, regression analyses, moving average forecasts, exponential smoothing forecasts, and apportionment by ratios.

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One notable function, called Financial Management Rate of Return, differs from standard internal rate of return calculations by taking into account the cost of financing.

I think Advanced Investment would be highly useful for sophisticated investors. Its functions allow syndicated investment analysis, ratio analysis (of business financial situations), merger evaluation, leverage and earnings per share, and more.

Documentation

Each Money Decisions manual has the same layout. For each function, it explains the calculation, prints the formula, and gives an example. I found the descriptions of the various financial concepts impressive: I understood and used previously unfamiliar ideas.

The does include a glossary, which defines all the terms, and a special section elaborating on concepts such as compounding, forecasting, and discounted cash flow.

Conciusion

The Money Decisions Series certainly covers the field in terms of financial computations.

However, I was disappointed to find that all the modules cost \$49.95. I have no argument with this price for the advanced programs, but this seems steep for the Basic Investment and the Loans and Real Estate packages, which give you fewer useful functions for the money.

A Disk Zapper With a Difference

by Mark Goodwin

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Hyperzap runs on the Models I and Ill (48K) and requires one disk drive. Hypersoft, P.O. Box 51155, Raleigh, NC 27609. \$49.95

Easy to use: ★★☆☆☆Good does: ★★☆☆☆Bug free: ★★☆☆☆Does the job: ★★☆☆☆

Hyperzap is nothing new as a class of software—it's a Model I/iil/4 disk zapper—but it does offer some features unique to a utility of this type, including extended directory listings and a memory modification capability. Unfortunately, Hyperzap's inadequate documentation and confusing data entry requirements tarnish its glow.

Hyperzap is versatile: it reads single, double-, and mixed-density disks. In addition, it automatically detects what brand of double-density board you have and adjusts the disk driver's operation accordingly (since I tested Hyperzap on a Model 4, I was unable to verify this feature).

Features

Hyperzap's main menu presents you with 18 command options (see Fig. 1), many of them standard for a disk zapper: read and write disk sectors, read and format disk tracks, read address marks, position the head to selected tracks, and copy disks.

Hyperzap does offer a unique directory mode, however (see Fig. 2). It displays sequential sector numbers, logical track numbers, spare bytes contained in the address marks, logical sector numbers, sector length codes, data address marks, the memory address for the sectors' data, angular positions, type codes, sector densities, and good or bad CRC values.

While in the directory mode, you can append sector entries; copy the current track entries to the next track; delete, insert, and edit sector entries; generate a standard track; edit sector data; read sectors into memory; change the track bytes; and write sector data to a disk.

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J ## jump @ ##	+ Step & repeat		Side	: 00	: 00	
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Q Write sectors	E comb. A,S,D		Stepping rate	:01	: O I	
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Figure 1. Hyperzap's main menu.

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Figure 2. Hyperzap's directory mode.

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From its inception, C was developed as an unfettered and transportable language; one C program works unaltered on a number of computer systems. JOHN B. HARRELL III gives you the lowdown and describes its structure and commands.

he babble of languages available for microcomputers makes it hard for a programmer to decide on something new. If you're not satisfied with Basic, Assembly, or Pascal, or if you're curious about other languages, I encourage you to explore C.

I'm not an expert in C, but I've reviewed three exceptional compilers and have gained a real fondness for the language. In this article, I'll introduce some of the concepts that lcd me to accept C so readily.

A History Lesson

C was developed as a system programming language for the Unix operating system on a PDP-11 minicomputer. The objective was to give the programmer power comparable to Assembly language's without Assembly's iediousness. C was also designed to be portable among a variety of computer systems. The most outstanding example of its power and versatility is Unix itself: Some 90 percent of it is written in C. Unix would not be implemented on so many computers had it been written in another language.

You can best classify C as a mediumlevel language. Its sophisticated control structures and neat, compact notation are similar to those of PL-1, Pascal, and Algol. However, it lacks many of those languages' features, such as string and data storage manipulation, and advanced input and output facilities.

This weakness is also C's greatest strength. It is relatively uncluttered yet has what you need to manipulate data, much as an assembler does. Thanks to C's minimal structure, a compiler can generate highly efficient code. In fact, compilers on the market today produce better code than most programmers are capable of.

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C is a language of symbols. On first sight, a complex program is enough to make you swear you'll never C. Programs comprise functions, each of which performs a unique task. Each program must have a main function, which is the first part of the code that executes. The standard first example of a C program displays the phrase "hello, world":

```
main( )
{
    printf("heila, world\n");
}
```

The MAIN() statement denotes the function the operating system will initialize. The function body starts with a left brace and ends with a right brace. C uses shorthand notation; what could be easier than typing in { and } instead of Begin and End, as you do in Pascal or Algol?

The PRINTF statement is a library function that instructs the computer to display the string on the standard output device. The \n character is C notation for an end-of-line character (other common characters also have special C notations).

Before I move on to a more difficult example, look at Figs. 1–3. Figure 1 lists C's reserved words. Figure 2 lists some common functions a C compiler includes in its standard library. These generally accepted Unix equivalents add all the required functions to the language. Figure 3 describes C's operators—the real power of the language. Using them, you can perform a complex operation in a single statement.

In C, identifiers are composed of letters

and numbers. You must make an identifier's first character a letter, however.

C is case-sensitive. For example, identifier "abc" differs from "ABC." You must put all reserved words in lowercase. It's convenient to type in all identifiers and reserved words in lowercase, reserving uppercase for symbolic constants in macros (I'll discuss this later).

Learning to Type

C supports several data types, which generally conform to the basic units of computer physical structure such as bytes, words, or double-words.

The smallest unit of storage is "char," typically a byte long. It can hold one character, and will hold all members of the computer's character set. Characters cannot have a negative value.

The next unit of storage is an "int," or integer value. On a typical microcomputer, this value is a 16-bit word. You can modify an int with "short" or "long" to denote decreased or increased precision (and storage allocation).

You can also designate an integer value as unsigned, which makes the compiler treat the number without regard to sign. For example, a normal integer value on the IBM PC will typically represent values from -32,768 to 32,767. An unsigned integer can assume values of zero to 65,535.

C also supports operations on floatingpoint numbers such as 6.023×10^{23} . Single-precision numbers are called "float" and double-precision values are called "double." For many microcomputers, float values will have six to seven digits of precision and double values will have about 15 digits of precision.

The ABCs of Storage

The default storage class is "automatic"; that is, a program automatically allocates variables whenever it executes a function and removes them when the

function ends. Automatic variables don't retain their values from one execution of the function to the pext.

You can also classify automatic variables as "register" variables, with some restrictions. This tells the compiler to gen-

erate code that maintains these values in the computer's registers as long as possible. The program therefore executes faster by using the registers more efficiently.

Sometimes you want variables to retain their last values from one function execution until the next. You do this by declaring the variables as "static"—the compiler will reserve permanent space for them. This might speed up a program by reducing the overhead it takes to allocate and deallocate variables automatically. However, static variables can prevent the code from being reentrant and recursive. You need reentrant code if your program is to be "burned" into a read-only memory (ROM).

Variables can also be "extern," or external, to the function declaring them; the current function block uses them but you define them in some other module. The extern attribute reserves no space in the module where you declare the variable as external.

auto	entry	short
break	extern	sizeof
case	float	static
char	for	struct
continue	goto	switch
default	if	typedef
do	int	union
double	long	unsigned
clse	register	while
	return	

Figure 1. C's reserved words.

Name

double atof(ep) int atol(ep) long atol(ep)

ftoa(val.buf,prec.type)

Close(fd)
felose(stream)
open(fd)
fopen(stream)
read(fd.buf.bufslze)
write(fd.buf.bufsize)
iread(buf.size,ent.str)
fwrite(buf.size,ent.str)
fseek(str,offset.origin)

|seek(fd.offset.origin) |gete(stream) |getehar() |gets(s) |fgets(s.stream)

octi(fd,cmd,stty)
char *malloc(size)
char *calloc(nelcm,size)
printf(imt,[arg], . .)
fprintf(str,fmt,[arg], . .)

sprintf[buf,fmt,[arg]...)
pute(e,stream)
putehar()
puts(str)

puts(str)
fputs(str,stream)
scanf(fmt[.ptr]...)
fscanf(str,fmt[.ptr]...)
sseanf(buf,fmt[.ptr]...)

char *strcat(s1,s2) stremp(s1,s2) char *strepy(s1,s2) strlen(s)

strlen(s) char *index(s,c) toupper(c) tolower(c)

Description

String to double, integer, or long integer conversion.

Converts from double-precision number to char in a specified format type and precision. Close the file or device pointed to.

Opens the file or device for input and/or output.

Unbuffered input and output functions.

Buffered binary file input/output.

Reposition a stream or file.

Get next character from an input stream or stdin.

Get a string terminated by a new line character from sdtin or specified stream.

Set or determine the mode of the console.

Dynamic memory allocation functions.

Format print output to stdout or the specified stream.

Format print output to the specified buffer. Put a character to the specified stream or stdout.

Put a character string to stdout or the specified stream.

Scan stdin input or the specified stream and convert text under format control.

Scan buffer; convert text under format control.

Concatenate two strings.

Compare two strings and return result.

Copy string s2 to s1. Return string length.

Find first occurrence of character in string. Converts character c to the designated case.

Figure 2. Partial list of C standard library functions.

Control Structures

The most important control feature in C is the block, a group of statementa enclosed in braces { }. These statements (and declarations, too) become one logical statement. I'll use "statement" to mean a single statement or block.

Probably the most common decision statement is If. . . Else, which has the syntax

if (expression) true-statement; else

false-statement;

where "else" is optional. If the result of the expression is true (or nonzero), the program executes "true-statement"; otherwise, it executes "false-statement."

Like Pascal, C executes a set of statements until a condition is met in two ways: While and Do. . while. The difference is that a While statement tests the expression before executing. Do. . while always executes the statement at least once. Their syntaxes are:

while (expression) statement;

and:

statement; while (expression);

A closely related control statement is For, which has the syntax:

for (expr1; expr2; expr3)
 statement;

The For statement evaluates exprl as an initializing expression for the loop. Then it evaluates expr2 and tests it. If that value is true, the program executes the statement. It next evaluates expr3 (normally the incremental value for the loop) and repeats the cycle.

C also provides a multipath decision statement, similar to Pascal's Case statement, called Switch, that evaluates an expression and tries to match it to one of



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A C interpreter and seven simple programming examples—get you started with C.

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y Basic interpreter, C Trainer (see Program Listing 1), will give you an idea of what C is all about without having to buy a C compiler. It's not very powerful, but it will run the C routines 1 provide. You can also write your own little C programs with it.

You create your C source program in Basic or with a word processor, saving the program in ASCII format. In Basic, you produce left and right braces, respectively, with the clear/shift/< and clear/shift/> keys, and the backslash with the clear/slash combination.

You can include program comments, but be aware that they will strain the capabilities of C Trainer and increase the amount of garbage collection. I find that programs without comments run 20 to 30 percent faster than those with.

Once you save your C program, run C Trainer and enter the name of your source file. After C Trainer loads the program, it automatically forces string garbage collection. If you don't want this, delete line 2480. You'll avoid a delay, but for some programs you'll just postpone it until some time during execution.

Be patient when C Trainer executes a program. The interpreter, since it is in Basic, works slowly. It might even appear at times to hang up. Just give it a little extra time before hitting the break key.

C Trainer only supports the integer type, and not pointers, arrays, or user functions. It can only interpret a MAIN() procedure. I did, however, implement the standard library functions PRINTF, PUTCHAR, and GETCHAR, so that you can have limited input and output from the C program. PRINTF allows the %d options to print integers, and PUTCHAR requires an integer argument. (For PUTCHAR, the argument is the number whose CHRS() you want to print.)

The Figure summarizes the C constructs that C Trainer supports, with their required formats and restrictions. The sample programs in Program Listings 2–8 give examples of the PRINTF and PUTCHAR/GETCHAR functions.

As for arithmetic, Limplemented simple expressions only. This means that only simple assignment and addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, incrementation (i + +), and decrementation (i - -) will work. This should be enough to at least get an idea of how C works.

If C Trainer encounters any syntax er-

rors, the interpreter will usually display an error message and stop. This means that all errors in a C program are fatal. At this point you should load your C program back into Basic and correct the error. Some of the error messages aren't the best, but you can easily modify the code to display what you want.

A little tip: When an error stops the interpreter, the variable FPOS contains the relative byte in the source program that was executing when the error occurred. Also, the string array CPROG\$() contains the entire C program. You can easily in-

For loops: for (var1 = var2; var1 \leq = var3; var1 + +)

The comparison must be < =
The initializer must be =
The increment must be + +
Nesting of For loops is not allowed
You can bave a While nested in
A single statement or block is OK

While loops: while (var OF var2)

Comparisons OK are <,>,= =,!= Var must be variable name Var2 can be either number or variable Single statements or blocks are OK While loops cannot be nested You can nest a For into a While

If. . . Else: if (var1 OP var2)

Comparisons OK are <,>,==.!= Varl must be variable name Var2 can be either number or variable Single statements or blocks are OK If statements cannot be nested You can use For or While in the If

Arithmetic: var = var1 OP var2; var3++, var3--

OP is +, -, /, *

var1, var2 can be variable or numbers var, var3 must be variable name

Figure. Supported C constructs.

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Program Listing 1. C Troiner interpreter.

```
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130
             CTrainer
                                                                 Daniel Zenzel, Jr.
                                                                                                                                          August, 1985
             This program will interpret a very small subset of the C Language. The input for this program is a C program, created using the standard BASIC editor, that was saved with the ASCII option (save "fname",a). This
 140 '
 150
             interpreter is by no means complete, or for that matter, it does not follow the X and R standardization of C.
  188
 198 '
             Its purpose is to merely demonstrate the use of the C language as an elternative to BASIC, and give one a chance to 'play' with C, in its simplest form.
 218
228
 248 DIN CPROC$(1588), FUNCTION.NAME$(5), FUNCTION.LOC*(5), VAR.NAME$(28), VAR.INT*(28)
 258 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"CTrainer - A 'C'- Language Interpreter By Daniel Renzel, Jr
 268 INPUT "Enter Source Pile Name >>";CFNAMES
        GOSUS 2318
PRINT "Interpreting Program..."
 27 8
28 8
  299
         ' This coda processes global declarations and function declarationa
  300
        TOREN.VALS="":GOSUB 1828
WHILE TOREN.VAL$<>"MAIN"
IF TOREN.VAL$<>"INT TEEN 429
WHILE TOREN.VAL$<>";"
 328
 349
                       GOSUB 1828: GLOBAL.COUNT = GLOBAL.COUNT + 1
VAR.NAME$(GLOBAL.COUNT) = TOKEN.VAL$
VAR.INT$(GLOBAL.COUNT) = 9
GOSUB 1828
 369
 379
 380
 390
 489
                   NEND
 419
428
                    GOTO 529
            GOTU 528

IF DELINS <> "(" TBEN PHINT"Function Declaration Expected":ETOP
FUNCTION.COONT = FUNCTION.COUNT + I
FUNCTION.NAMES(PUNCTION.COUNT) = TOBEN.VALS
FUNCTION.LOCS(PUNCTION.COUNT) = FPOS-LEN(TOKEN.VALS)
WHILE TOKEN.VALS <> "{": GOSUB 1828: NEND
 438
448
 458
468
 478
             BC%=1
 489
             NHILE (BC4<>0)
489 NBI
498 G
588 I
518 WEN
528 GOS
538 NEND
                GOSUB 1828

IF TOREN.VALS="{" THEN BC%=BC%+1 ELSE IF TOKEN.VALS="}" THEN BC%=BC%-1
             WEND
             GOSUB 1828
 548
        ' At this point, we should be at the aymbol MAIN(), to start the program
 568
 578 GOSUB 1828:GOSUB 1828:GOSUB 1828: ' get to the first statement
578 GOSUB 1828:GOSUB 1828:GOSUB 1828: 'get to the first statement
588 MBILE [TOKEN.VAL$<>"]")
598 GOSUB 1828: 'Get statement token
588 IF TOKEN.VAL$="WHILE" THEN GOSUB 3578: GOTO 628
588 IF TOKEN.VAL$="WHILE" THEN GOSUB 658 ELSE IF TOKEN.VAL$="PUTCHAR" THEN GO
SUB 988 ELSE IF TOKEN.VAL$="FOR" THEN GOSUB 2588 ELSE IF TOKEN.VAL$="IF" THEN GO
SUB 3148 ELSE IF TOKEN.VAL$="INT" THEN GOSUB 1218 ELSE IF TOKEN.TYP=I TKEN GOSUB
1448
   1448
 628 NEND
 538 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT "CTrainer - Done"
 648 END
 668 ' Routine to handla tha printf statement. On entry, fpos will point to 679 ' the left paren of the function cell.
 698 WHILE CPROG$(FPOS) <> "(" :FPOS=FPOS+1:NEND
698 WHILE CPROGS(FPOS) <> "(" :FPOS=FPOS+1; NEND
788 WHILE (CPROGS(FPOS) <> CHR$(34)): FPOS = FPOS + 1:NEND: PPOS = FPOS + 1
718 B$="": NBILE (CPROGS(FPOS) <> CHR$(34)): IF CPROC$(FPOS) <> "\" THEN B$ = B$
+ CPROC$(FPOS): FPOS = FPOS + 1: GOTO 748
728 FPOS = FPOS + 1: IF CPROG$(FPOS) = "n" THEN B$ = B$+CHR$(13): FPOS = FPOS +
1: GOTO 748 ELSE IF CPROC$(FPOS) = "t" THEN B$=B$+CHR$(9): FPOS = FPOS + 1: GO
TO 748
738 IF CPRGC$(FPOS) = "x" THEN FPOS = FPOS + 3
748 NEND
748 NEND
748 NEND
758 IF CPROC$(FPOS)= CER$(34) THEN FPOS = FPOS + 1
768 CD**INSTR(B$, "%d")
778 WHILE CD%<*>8 : GOSUB 1828: GOSUB 1828 : ' get comma and identifier
788 IF TOREN.TYP <>1 THEN PRINT "Printf Syntax Error":STOP
798 CL**TEMPVAR.COUNT+GLOBAL.COUNT:NBILE VAR.NAKE$(CL*)<*>TOKEN.VAL$: CL**CL**-1
: NEND
           B$ = LEPT$(B$,CD$-1)+STR$(VAR.INT$(CL$))+RIGHT$(B$,LEN(B$)-CD$-1)
CD$=INSTR(B$, "$d")
 828 NEND
 839 GOSUE 1829: ' consume the closing paren
 848 PRINT BS
```

the following constant values. If it finds a match, the program executes the statement associated with this constant. The following example demonstrates the Switch statement:

Switch evaluates the integer expression in parentheses and tries to match it to one of the values indicated in the case labels. If it finds a match, the program continues with the statement associated with that case label. If it doesn't find a match, the statement associated with the default label executes.

The Break statement shunts program execution to the end of the block. Unlike other similar implementations, the switch program flow begins executing on the first match and the program will continue unimpeded to the end of the block. You use the Break statement to force execution of only those statements associated with the selected case label.

While Break forces the program immediately to exit the program control block containing it, this might not be what you want. To skip the remaining statements in the block but continue with the loop until the conditions for termination are satisfied, use the Continue statement.

Since C ts a structured language, you can write most programs without GOTO statements, but C's GOTO label statement is there when you need it.

C in Action

Now for some simple programs. My first example uses a standard library function to copy all data from the keyboard to the screen:

```
main()
{
    int c;
    while { (c = getchar()) ! = -1 }
        putchar(c);
}
```

Note the expression in the While statement. The program gets a character, assigns it to the variable c, and tests the result to see if the program detected an end-of-file (-1) indicator. If not, the program sends the character to the standard output device using the PUTCHAR function.

This is an example of the shorthand uotation C allows. Why would this program be useful? MS-DOS supports command-line redirection of console input and output from and to other devices or files. If your DOS doesn't support this feature, most run-time packages supplied with commercial C compilers do support it. You could use this simple routine, for example, to copy a file to the video or printer.

Now look at the more complex example in Program Listing 1, Count. This brief

```
Operator
            Description
Array subscripting.
            Reference to a structure element using a pointer.
            Reference to a structure element by structure name.
            Function calls.
()
            Unary * used as a pointer reference.
&
            Unary & used as an address reference.
            Unary negation (two's complement).
            Unary logical negation (! expr yields I if expr is false and 0 if true).
            Unary \sim yields a one's complement of its operand.
            Increment operator. If used before the operand, it is incremented
            before use; if used after it, it is incremented after use.
            Decrement operator. If used before the operand, it is decremented
            before use; if used after it, it is decremented after use.
            Cast operator. Used to force the conversion of its operand to the
(type)
            specified data type.
            Returns the size of the operand in bytes.
sizeof
            Multiplication: a * b.
            Division: a / b.
%
            Modulus: a % b yields the remainder of dividing b into a.
            Addition: a + b.
            Subtraction: a - h.
            Left shift, a << b shifts a left by b bits.
>>
            Right shift: a >> h shifts a right by b bits.
            Tests for a < b and returns truth value.
            Tests for a > b and returns truth value.
             Tests for a < = h and returns truth value.
             Tests for a > = b and returns truth value.
             Tests for a = b and returns truth value.
1 _
             Tests for a <> b and returns truth value.
&
            Bitwise And operator: a & b.
            Bitwise Exclusive Or operator: a * b.
            Bitwise Inclusive Or operator: a | h.
             Logical And operator: a && b. Left-to-right evaluation is guaranteed
8:8:
            and the second operand is not evaluated if the first operand is false.
             Logical Or operator: a || b. Left-to-right evaluation is guaranteed
            and the second operand is not evaluated if the first operand is true.
            Conditional operator: if expression ell is true then the result is
e1?e2:e3
            expression e2 cise the result is expression e3.
             Expression assignment operator: a = b.
            This and the following operators perform assignment of the expres-
            sion following them to the left-hand value after performing the op-
• =
            eration designated. For example: a \circ p = b is equivalent to writing
/ ±
             the expression as a = a or b.
% ==
< < =
>>=
& =
             Two or more expressions separated by the comma are evaluated
             left-to-right and the result of the overall expression is the evaluation
             of the right-most subexpression.
Note: The operators are grouped in descending order of precedence. Opera-
      tors have equal precedence within their group.
```

Figure 3. C's operators.

program will read from the standard input until it detects an end-of-file marker (EOF). As it reads, it counts characters, words, and lines in the text. When it finds the EOF, it displays these totals.

The statements beginning with the # character are called preprocessor statements and direct the compiler to perform specific actions.

The #define statement defines a macro for the compiler that you can use later by referring to that name; in this case, EOF means - 1 in the program. These macros can be powerful and can include parameters for substitution into the definition.

The following example of a macro definition produces a function that yields the maximum value of two numbers:

#define MAX(A,B) ((A) > (B) ? (A] : (B)]

This expression uses what's called a ternary or conditional operator (exprl? expr2: expr3). It first evaluates expr1; if this expression is true, the result is expr2; otherwise, the result is expr3. I'fi return to this tater.

Next in Listing 1 comes the header main() identifying this as the main program, then declaration of variables. The counters of characters, words, and lines are integers; if you run this on an exceptionally large file (greater than 32K), you should declare them as long integer variables.

The While loop contains the heart of the program. The expression $\mathbf{c} = \text{getchar}(\cdot)$ reads the next character from the standard input and assigns its value to the variable \mathbf{c} . Then, the program checks the character for an EOF. If it finds one, GETCHAR returns a value of -1; otherwise GETCHAR returns the character value. This is the reason for declaring \mathbf{c} as an integer value—a char variable is 8 bits and can hold only 256

values, providing no way to distinguish EOF from one of the characters.

When the program reads a character, it increments the character counter [++ne]. When it finds an EOF character, it increments the number of lines [++nl].

Next, the program checks the character for "white space" characters: that is, blanks, tabs, and end-of-line characters (EOLs). The logical operator || (logical or) connects logical tests.

C evaluates expressions containing || from left to right and ends the evaluation when an expression is true. Similarly, the logical operator && (logical and) proceeds from left to right and ends when it evaluates a false expression. This differs from languages such as Pascal or Fortran, which evaluate the entire expression each time it executes before determining its truth value. For example, the Pascal statement:

IF X <> 0 AND (1/X) > 3 THEN statement;

will always sbort on a divide-by-zero error if X is zero. A similar statement using the C operators will not abort.

If the program finds a white space character, it sets the flag variable "inword" to false, indicating that the program is currently not in a word. If it finds another character and inword is false, then the program sets inword true to reflect the start of a word and increments the number of words [++nw].

The last part of the program uses the library routine PRINTF to display its summary. This information outputs to the file "stdout," for which the default device is the system console or video display.

Functioning

The examples I've given so far don't tax the power of C. Now I'll introduce some more advanced features, starting with functions.

in most other languages, functions are separate entities of code that perform some calculations and return a single value. In C, functions describe logical blocks of code that perform a related task. Functions may or may not return a value; they combine the capabilities of Pascal's functions and procedures.

Unlike Pascal, C lets you declare functions in any order within a program module. What's more, you can write and compile functions separately. C encourages you to subdivide your code into logical blocks and to build on these blocks.

Previously, I defined a macro to return the maximum of two numbers (look back at it for a moment). One side-effect of using macros is that the expressions are reevaluated for each repetition of the parameter in the substitution string. In the example above, the compiler evaluates twice the expression you substituted for A and B.

If you need a maximum value function extensively, defining MAX as follows might be much more efficient:

```
tnt max(a,b)
int a,b;
{
    return ( (a > b) ? a : b );
}
```

This function evaluates only integer parameters, while the macro evaluates a maximum value for any type of data you supply as parameters. You gain efficiency because the compiler generates code to evaluate all parameters prior to calling the function—the function has to work with only a single numerical value for each parameter.

Another benefit of C is its excellent handling of pointers, variables that contain the address of another variable, thereby pointing to the variable. You can use the unary operator * to denote the next operand as the address of a specific type of data item you want to manipulate. The unary operator & instructs the compiler to use the operand's address instead of its value. For example, you could declare ptr as a pointer to a float (float *ptr) and pi as a real variable (float pi), then write:

```
ptr = π
*ptr = 3.14159;
```

The first statement assigns the variable pi's address to the pointer variable, so the second statement is the same as writing pi = 3.14159. If you're confused, my next example should help clarify things.

Arrays are closely related to pointers. In fact, in most cases you can use them interchangeably. Any array operation you can do with subscripting can also be done with pointers.

You define arrays as in most other languages. The statement int numbers[100] defines an array of 100 consecutive integer values that you access via subscript values from zero through 99. Note that the index value begins at zero so the highest

```
Program Listing 1. Count (from The C Programming Language)
   This example program is taken from The C Programming Language by
   Brian W. Kernighan and Dennis M. Ritchie, page 18
#define YES
#define NO
                 1
#define EOF
                /* count lines, words, and chars in the input */
   int c, nl, nw, nc, inword;
   inword = NO;
   nl * nw = nc = 0;
   while ( (c = getchar() ) != EOF)
      ++nc;
if (c == '\n')
      ++nl;
if ( (c == ' ') || (c == '\n') || (c == '\t') }
         inword = NO;
      else
         if
            (inword == NO)
             inword = YES;
             ++nW;
   printf("%d %d %d\n", nl, nw, nc);
```



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value is one less than the maximum dimension value. C also supports multidimensioned arrays, but you soon learn that you can better write these expressions as arrays of pointers.

I don't want to spend too much time on pointers and arrays, but I'll demonstrate some of their power in a more detailed example (sorry, this one doesn't work with the C interpreter accompanying this article (see p. 41)).

Searching Questions

Program Listing 2, Find, finds a specified string in a text file. It interrogates the command line for parameters and a string to search for. Then it scans input read from the standard input file (stdin), searching for the text string. The optional parameters can specify whether the program displays lines containing the string and whether it displays corresponding line numbers along with the text. The command syntax is FIND [-x][-n] string, where the x and n parameters are optional and "string" represents any string not containing blanks or other delimiters.

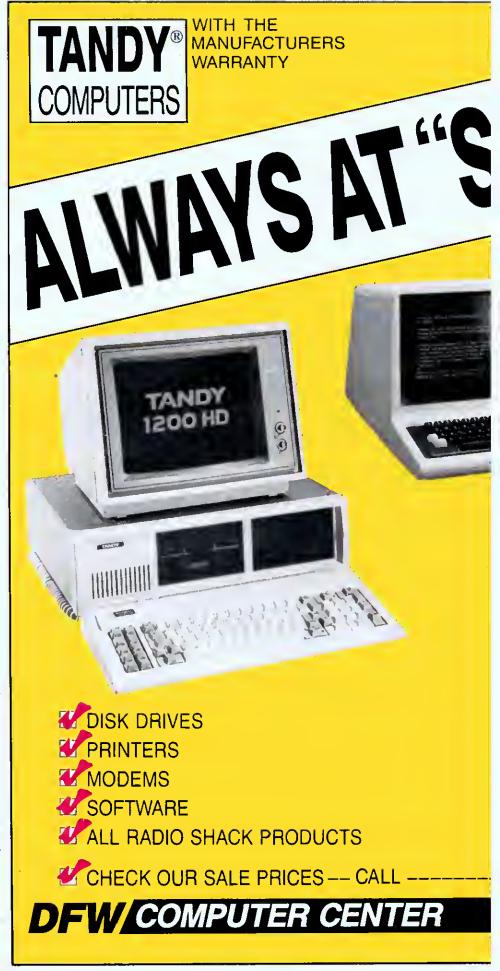
The first statement defines the maximum number of characters you can put on any one line. It uses the preprocessor control statement #define to establish the symbolic name MAXLINE with the proper buffer size.

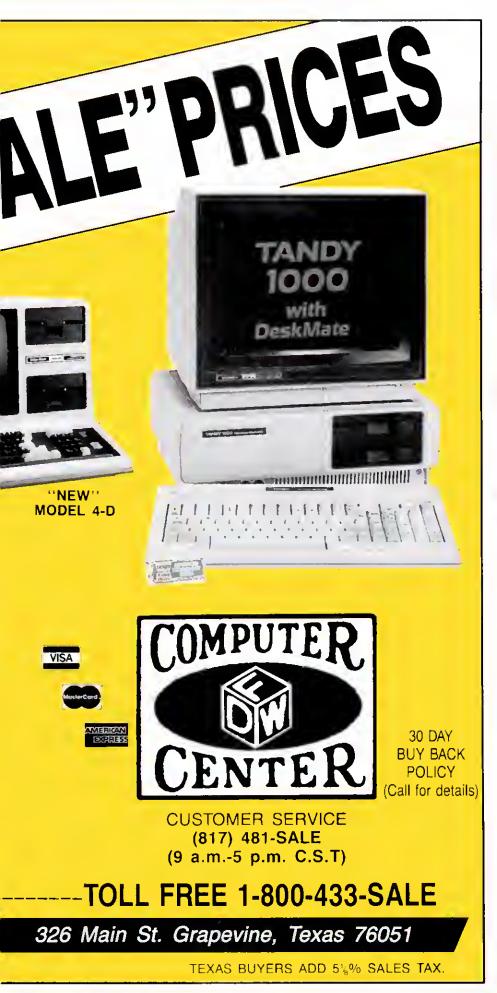
The main program declaration—main (argc,argv)—tells the compiler that you want to interrogate the command line parameters. The variable argc provides a count of parameters on the command line, including the command name. The variable argv is an array of pointers, each corresponding to the starting character of each command string. Note that you must declare these two variables just after the main program header.

The next statement declares the line buffer and a pointer to a character. The program also declares variables for the line counter and for flags to determine whether to display lines containing the string and their line numbers.

The first While loop scans the command line arguments for the x and n parameters. The first part, - -argc > 0, tells the While loop to look at parameters while the parameter count is greater than zero. The - - operator decrements the counter before testing it.

The second part of the While clause tests the first character of the parameter for a leading minus sign, which is required to identify the parameters. The expression $(^{\bullet} + + \operatorname{argv})[0] = ^{\bullet} - ^{\bullet}$ requires detailed explanation. Argv is an array of pointers to character strings. The first pointer is for the command name in some systems. The $^{\bullet} + + \operatorname{argv}$ says to increment to the next pointer and then use that value. You need parentheses around this expression because of the evaluation priority of the operators $^{\bullet}$ and $^{\bullet} + ^{\bullet}$. The [0] looks at the parameter's first character.





and the remaining part of the test compares this parameter to a minus sign.

The program lets you specify the two parameters separately or in one command switch (e.g., -nx). The For statement scans the remaining characters on the selected parameter for valid switch options. The Switch statement checks the options and sets the appropriate flags or displays an error message if the option is invalid.

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The Else clause for this if statement is the heart of the program. It gets a line, checks for the string, performs the designated functions, and continues until there are no more lines in the input stream.

Two functions, index and GETLINE, do these tasks. The Index function searches the line buffer for the string. If the string is found, index returns an integer representing the starting position in the buffer. If the string isn't found, index returns a-1 (this is a normal C function exit showing that the desired function was not done).

GETLINE reads characters from the input file and examines them for an end-ofline character. If it doesn't find an EOL, the program inserts the character into the buffer up to the limit specified. If it finds an EOL, it terminates the buffer as a normal C string (with a zero byte '\0') and returns with the actual length of the line. If no line is available, GETLINE returns a zero value.

Index handles the string and line buffers as character arrays. Note that the function declaration of the two arrays doesn't have to specify the size of the array; it merely tells the compiler that the two variables represent character arrays.

The first For loop initializes the line buffer index "i" and tests the character element s[i] for nonzero. This means the program hasn't reached the end of the buffer. The statement part of this For loop is a block consisting of another For statement and a completion test.

This For loop contains an expression with the comma operator as the initializing expression [j=i,k=0], which executes once. The loop test consists of two parts: a test to see if t[k] is zero (end of search string) followed by a comparison of the buffer to the string [s[j]] = t[k].

The last part of the statement consists of two expressions separated by another comma forming the increments for the array indexes. Since the For statement expressions do all the work, no further action is required and the semicolon signifies a null statement.

When the program exits from the For statement, one or both conditions are true: The search string has been exhausted or the string does not match. The If statement tests for a string match and returns an appropriate result.

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                 = 8190:
           size
           size1 = 8191;
        var
           i, prime, k, count, iter : integer;
           flags : array[0..sizel] of boolean;
           write('10 iterations: ');
           for iter := 1 to 10 do
             begin
                count := 0;
                for i := 0 to size do
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          for (i = 1; i <= NTIMES; i++)
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for (j = 0; j <= SIZE; j++)
    flag(j) = TRUE;
             for (j = 0; j <= SIZE; j++)
                 if (flag[j])
                    prime = j + j + 3;
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	C	Pascal	Interpreter	Compiler
Model 4/4P				
Source file size	836	811	344	344
Execution file size	8.785	19,076	21,927	33,092
Source time (sec)	123	62	N/A	179
Execution time (sec)	27.1	175	945	20.3
Tandy 2000				
Source file size	896	896	384	384
Execution file size	3,942	27,148	52,672	23,248
Source time (sec)	62	84	N/A	67
Execution time (sec)	3.3	4.2	569	6.0

The code size listed for the Basic interpreter includes the size of the interpreter liself. The compliation times listed include the time required to assemble, link, and/or convert the source code into a stand-alone program.

Model-4/4P: TRSDOS 06.02.00 Disk Operating System
Microsoft BASIC Interpreter 01.01.00
Microsoft BASCOM Compiler version 5.35
Manx Aztec-C80 Version 1.06B
TRS-80 (Alcor) Pascal 02.00.00.

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Microsoft BASIC Interpreter 01.03 00
Microsoft BASCOM Compiler Version 5.50
Manx Aztec-C86c Version 3.20C
Microsoft PASCAL Version 3.13.

Figure 4. Sleve of Erotosthenes comparison.

biggest cost factor in developing software is the time required to design, write, and debug the code. If you can reduce any of these factors, your profit will increase. C does this in a major way, since it makes coding routines in Assembly language (a lengthy process) virtually unnecessary.

Other important factors in software design are overall size and speed. As you can see from the simple example in Fig. 4, the code a good C compiler produces is far smaller than that of other compilers for microcomputers. Also, C's compiled code executes as fast as, and often faster than, that of other compilers.

If you're interested in programming applications software and want to exploit your computer fully, you must have a compiler. C lets you run your software on the widest possible variety of systems, and 1 highly recommend that you investigate it.

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by David H. Pieacher

Hoops covers the court in recording and reporting basketball statistics by team or player.

eading through a sheet of basket-ball statistics may not substitute for the give and take of live play but, as any high school coach can tell you, the numbers give you the lowdown on team performance. My Model I/III/4 basketball statistics program, Hoops, keeps track of a team's record, an individual's record, and overall game statistics (see the Program Listing and Fig. 1).

Hoops lets you print out five different reports: the team record (see Fig. 2), team totals by game (see Fig. 3), cumulative totals for each of the team members (see Fig. 4), an individual player's statistics, and the printout for a particular game.

Getting Organized

The key to Hoops' statistical manipulation lies in its file handling (see the Table for Hoops' line descriptions). The program uses both random-access and sequential files; it opens random-access files using Basic's buffer 1 and sequential files with buffer 3.

Hoops records up to 20 players' statistics in random-access files called PLAY-ER1/TXT, PLAYER2/TXT, and so on. Each of these files contains records; record 1 holds the statistics for game 1, record 2 for game 2, and so on. Hoops stores the team totals for each game in the random-access file called PLAYER21/TXT, and the opponents' totals for each game in PLAYER22/TXT.

Hoops also uses five sequential files. TEAMINFO/TXT contains the school's (or team's) name, the coach's name, the year, the number of wins and losses, and the number of players on the team. Games/TXT contains the name of the opponent, the date, whether it's a home or away game, and the score for each game.

Players/TXT contains the names and jersey numbers of all the players. Hoops keeps the cumulative totals for a team in Totals/TXT. It initially fills this file with zeros. Hoops uses one other file, TEMP-FILE/TXT, when you make corrections; the program opens it through buffer 2.

File-Handling Routines

To see how Hoops' file-handling routines work, follow the routine for adding a player to the team (lines 4470–4570). When you select the option to add a player from the main menu, Hoops first opens the sequential file TEAMINFO/TXT for input and reads the data from it. Then it opens the sequential file Players/TXT for input and reads the data from that file. Finally, it opens the sequential file Totals/TXT and reads the totals for each player from that file.

After you enter the additional players and their corresponding jersey numbers, Hoops opens the sequential files Players/TXT and Totals/TXT for output, and writes the updated data to them. For example, if you just added the 16th player to a team, the routine opens the random-access file PLAYER16/TXT and fields it. This file contains player 16's statistics for each game. If you already played four games when you add player 16 to the team, Hoops fills the first four records with zeros using the RSET (lines 790–860) and Put (line 880) statements.

Often, Hoops accesses several files to make one printout. For example, to print the statistics for the third game, you need the sequential files TEAMINFO/TXT, Games/TXT, and Players/TXT; and record 3 of each of the random-access files PLAYER1/TXT, PLAYER2/TXT. . . PLAYER2/TXT.

Using Hoops

Use the template in Fig. 5 to record game statistics during play. You can later add this data to the program's statistical files.

To use Hoops, enter Basic with three variable files and run the program. (Hoops has a fun but time-consuming opening display. Delete lines 80 and 5150-5350 to eliminate it.)

To enter data for a new team, select option A from the main menu. Hoops prompts you for the school (or team) name, the coach's name, and the players' names and jersey numbers. If you make

an error, Hoops lets you correct it at the end of each record input.

Once you enter this information, you can choose any of Hoops' other options: add a player, type in statistics for a game, make corrections to previously entered data, or print out reports. If, by mistake, you select the option to update statistics or the option to add a player, you are given a chance to exit from that module immediately.

Hoops lets you enter a zero for a particular category by pressing the enter key. This is useful when a team member plays only two minutes in a game and most of that player's statistics are zeros.

To print out the statistics, you need a printer with a 110-column capability. You must use 11- by 14-inch paper if your printer prints 132 columns, condensed printing if you have an 80-column dot-matrix printer, or elite printing for a daisy-wheel printer. Feeding single sheets of 8½- by 11-inch paper sideways makes excellent printouts on a daisy-wheel printer.

Hoops' Limitations

You can enter only the 13 statistics the program uses. Although these are probably the most basic basketball statistics, some coaches might keep additional statistics, like minutes played.

You need to keep players' names to 20 characters, and opponents' names to 14. I did this to keep the printouts to 110 columns.

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System Requirements

Models I and 4 with changes
Model III
32K RAM
Disk Basic
Printer (110-column)



Model I change:

Remove POKEs.

Model 4 changes:

Correct PRINT @ locations. Change 960 to 1200 in lines 160 and 200.

Remove POKEs.

Delete opening display: lines 80 and 5150-5350.

Change % to \ (clear key with ? key).

Figure 1. Program changes for the Models I and 4.

John Hendley High School Basketball Statistics 1984 - 85

Coach: Bill Isherwood Won: 9 Lost: 1

			50	ore:
Game	Date	Opponent	Ua	Opponent
-				
1	12/11/64	Clerke County	69	63
2	12/14/84	Warren County	64	57
3		Parkview	61	51
4		Martinsburg	60	62
5		Barrisonburg	53	59
6		James Wood	82	48
7	01/84/85	Broad Run	68	6.0
8	81/11/85	Loudoun County	67	56
9	81/12/65	Loudoun Valley	63	62
10	81/19/85	Osbourn	84	6.8

Figure 2. The team record.

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															Reb.			DEA		Blk	
Gŧ	Date	Opponent	B/A	PGM	PGA	PG %	FTM	FTA	FT &	Pts.	Avg.	Reb	Reb	Reb	Avg.	Ovr	A	Pou	Stl	Sht	F
								-												-	
1 1	2/11/64	Clarke County	Awey	32	76	45.7	5	16	31.2	69	69.8	23	22	45	45.0	16	16	1	9	6	18
		Warren County	Home		6.5	40.0	12	29	41.3	64	64.8	19	20	39	39.0	17	15	0	24	7	18
		Parkview	Awev	25	56	50.0	11	16	68.8	61	61.8	11	19	39	30.8	9	19	1	7	4	13
			Home	25	50	50.8	18	28	64.3	68	68.8	12	15	27	27.8	17	13	1	10	4	16
		Herrimonburg	Home	23	63	36.5	7	12	58.3	53	53.0	17	16	33	33.0	14	14	_	13		17
6 1	2/28/84	James Wood	Home	33	65	50.8	16	21	76.2	82	82.8	16	17		33.9	17	14	9			15
7 6	1/04/85	Broad Run	Away	25	49	51.0	16	25	72.8	68	68.8	7	15	22	22.8		15	1	17		15
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272 586 46.7 135 217 61.4 679 67.9 146 173 319 31.9 155 156 5 137 43 164 Totals

Figure 3. The team totals by game.

John Handley High School Basketball Statistics

Coach: Bill leherwood Won: 9 Lost: 1 18 Game Totels

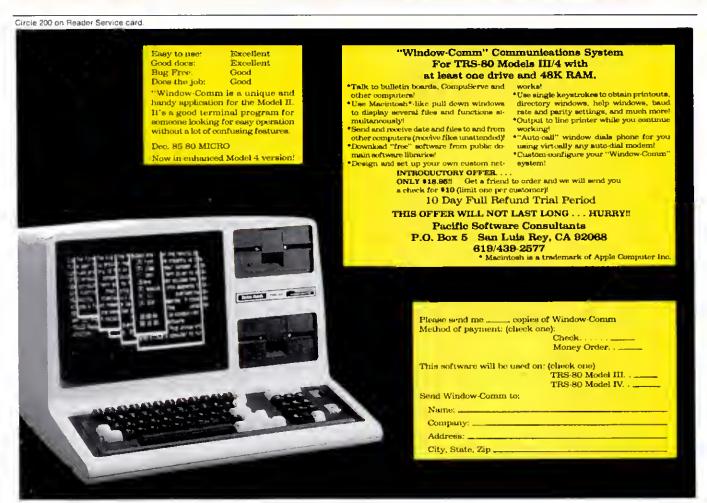
G Otr FGM PGA PG & FTM FTA FT & Pte. Avg. Reb Reb Reb Avg. Ovr • Player 11.1 42.2 22.2 18 Dwayne Richardson 12 Evan Humbert 13 Herold Brown 14 Jason Morgan 28 Joe Wilson 32 John Morgan 54 Mike Hardware 44 Mario Pritchett 48 Richard Pell 10 36 36 10 33 16 10 30 12 34 Mike Look 21 Jeff Veal 22 Daniel Robinson 8 18 1.5 2.8 1.8 2.0 8 6 2 3 66.7 1 0.0 4 0.7 3 2 5 0.6 8 38 Jude Sparrow 18 48 272 586 46.4 135 217 62.2 679 67.9 146 173 319 31.9 155 156 1 4 27 59 46.4 14 22 62.2 68 67.9 15 17 32 31.9 16 16 Team Totals Team - per game 18 49 248 535 44.9 186 162 65.4 586 58.6 153 167 328 32.0 1 4 24 54 44.9 11 16 65.4 59 58.6 15 17 32 32.0 Opponents Opp. - per game

Figure 4. The cumulative totals for team members.

			John		andley me#6															
#	Player	Otr	FGM		FGPo										Trn	Α	Dru	SH	BIL	F
	Dwayne Richardson	3	0	2	0.0	2	2	100.0	2	2.0	0	1	1	1.0	4	1	0	3	0	2
12	Evan Humbert	3	2	3	66.7	8	9	88.9	/2	/2.0	1	0	1	1.0	1	3	0	2	0	3
13	Harold Brown	2	2.	7	28.6	0	0	0.0	4	4.0	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Jason Morgan	3	7	//	63.6	3	3	100.0	17	17.0	2	2	4	4.0	1	4	0	2	0	2
20	Joe Wilson	Ш	7	6	33.3	0	0	0.0	4	4.0	3	7	4	4.0	0	3	0	6	1	1

Figure 5. Template for recording game statistics.

Legend										
Qtr	Quarter	FTM	Free	Def	Defensive	Drw	Draw			
FGM	Field goals		throws made	Reb	rebounds	Fou	offensive fouls			
	made	FTA	Free throws	Tot	Total	Cul	Steals			
FGA	Field goals		attempted	Reb	rebounds	Stl	Steals			
	attempted	FT%	Free throws			Blk	Blocked			
F3c3 pr	Finld dools		percentage	Trn	Turnovers	Sht	shots			
FG%	Field goals	Dff	Offensive	Ovr						
	percentage	Reb	rebounds	Α	Assists	F	Fouls			





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2500-2580	"Team record" module.
2590-2710	"Team totals by game" module.
2720-2890	"Cumulative totals for team members" module.
2900-3100	"Statistics for individual player" module.
3110-3370	"Statistics for a particular game" module.
3380-4460	Change statistics—make corrections.
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4810-5110	Program instructions.
5120-5140	Housekeeping.
5150-5350	Opening display.
5360-5400	Error-handling routines.

Program Listing, Hoops,

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10 REM
20 REM
                                               ** Basketball Statistics **
** David Plescher **
                                               ** John Handley High School **
** P.G. Box 910, Winchester, VA 22601 **
   30 REM
40 REM
   50 REM
   50 KeM
60 REM ** Main Program **
78 CLEAR 500:ON ERROR GOTO 5370
80 GOSUS 5160 * Opening D:
90 GOSUB 5130 * Housekeep.
                                                                                                                              ' Opening Display
' Housekeeping
   188 GOSUB 4828
118 GOSUB 1798
                                                                                                                                        ' Instructions
' Menu
                                                                                                                                          End of Program
   120 GOSUB 1590
148 EM
148 :
158 REM ** Subroutine to press <ENTER> to continue **
169 PRINT@968, "Press <ENTER> to continue.";
178 IF INKEYS < CHR$(13) THEN 178
180 CLS : RETURN
198 REM ** Subroutine for YES/NO snawer **
208 PRINT@968, "Is this information correct (Y/N) ?";
210 POKE 16489,1:TS=INKEY$
228 IF T$ <> "Y" AND T$ <> "N" THEN 218
239 POKE 16489,8 : RETURN
248 REM ** Print to TEAMINFO/TXT file **
250 OPEN*(3,3,"TEAMINFO/TXT":PRINT$3,SS,",";CS,",";Y$;",";G;W;L;P:CLOSE:RETURN
268 REM ** Input from TEAMINFO/TXT file **
279 OPEN*(1,3,"TEAMINFO/TXT":INPUT$3,SS,CS,Y$,G,W,L,P:CLOSE:RETURN
280 REM ** Zero values of T(x,y) **
290 FOR X1=1 TO 22:FOR Y1=1 TO 28:T(X1,Y1)=8:NEXT Y1:NEXT X1:RETURN
310 OPEN*(3,3,"TOTALS/TXT"
320 FOR X=1 TO P:GOSUB 348 :NEXT X:POR X=21 TO 22:GOSUB 348 :NEXT X
330 CLOSE:RETURN
340 FOR Y=1 TO 28:PRINT$3,T(X,Y):NEXT Y:RETURN
340 FOR Y=1 TO 28:PRINT$3,T(X,Y):NEXT Y:RETURN
     336 FOR Y=1 TO 28:PRINT$3,T(X,Y):NEXT Y:RETURN
358 REM ** Input from TOTALS/TXT file **
368 OPEN"1",3,"TOTALS/TXT"
378 FOR X=1 TO P:GOSUB 398 :NEXT X:POR X=21 TO 22:GOSUB 398 :NEXT X
 360 OPEN'I",3,"TOTALS/TXT"
378 POR x=1 TO PIGOSUB 390 :NEXT X:POR X=21 TO 22:GOSUB 396 :NEXT 378 POR X=1 TO PIGOSUB 390 :NEXT X:POR X=21 TO 22:GOSUB 396 :NEXT 380 CLGSE:RETURN
398 POR Y=1 TO 28:INFUTE3,T(X,Y):NEXT Y:RETURN
480 REM ** Print to PLAYERS/TXT file **
410 OPEN'O",3,"PLAYERS/TXT file **
426 POR X=1 TO P:PRINT#3, P$(X);",",N$(X):NEXT X:CLOSE:RETURN
436 REM ** Input from PLAYERS/TXT file **
440 OPEN'I",3,"PLAYERS/TXT*
459 POR X=1 TO P:INPUT#3,P$(X),N$(X):NEXT X:CLOSE
460 P$(21)="Team Totals": N$(21)="-":P$(22)="Opponents": N$(22)="-"
478 RETURN
480 REM ** 2ero values of S(X) **
490 POR X!=1 TO 20:S(X)!=0:NEXT X1:RETURN
500 REM ** Zero values of A(X) **
516 FOR X!=1 TO 20:A(X)=0:NEXT X1:RETURN
529 REM ** Update 12 Statistics for playere and opponents **
530 PRINT#449, "Pield Goals Made"; : INPUT A(3)
540 PRINT#545, "Free Throws Made"; : INPUT A(4)
550 PRINT#557, "Offensive Rebounds"; : INPUT A(7)
570 PRINT#659, "Defensive Rebounds"; : INPUT A(12)
590 PRINT#669, "Defensive Rebounds"; : INPUT A(12)
600 PRINT#667, "Assists"; : INPUT A(15)
600 PRINT#667, "Draw Offensive Poule"; : INPUT A(17)
610 PRINT#737, "Steals"; : INPUT A(18)
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1588 CLOSE:RETURN 1598 IF P2=1 THEN LPRINT CHR\$(18):RETURN

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Simultaneously display multiple windows of text or graphics with BasicG and a high-resolution board.

verywhere you look these days, you see programs that use windows and pull-down menus. Everywhere, that is, except in Model III/4 Basic. But you Basic programmers needn't feel left out—with a high-resolution graphics board and BasicG, you can simulate a windowing environment in your own programs. You get the ability to display several windows of data or graphics simultaneously, manipulate pull-down menus, and create some dramatic animated graphics.

I'll explain how the windowing technique works, and how to use the commands available to you. For illustration, I'll also present a complete application program, a pie chart generator, that uses four windows and a pull-down menu.

RAM with a View

The key to creating windows on the Models III and 4 is BasicG's View command. (BasicG is the graphics Basic that comes with Radio Shack's high-resolution board.) Essentially, this command makes your computer act as though a portion of the screen, called a viewport or window, is in fact the entire screen. Therefore, you can erase or change a window without affecting the rest of the screen. You can write to, draw on, or clear only the last viewport you defined.

When you clear a viewport, it erases everything underneath. You can define and clear viewports all day long if you want, stacking each new viewport on top of the last. Program Listing 1, Sinewave, and Program Listing 2, Prtsm Ring, create three-dimensional graphics effects using this technique (see Photos 1 and 2). You can also divide the screen and display windows next to each other.

Program Listing 3, Viewport, iflustrates using windows to display data. It paints the entire screen with a pattern, defines the center of the screen as a viewport, clears the viewport, and displays a message there. Then it repeats the process for a second viewport below and to the right of the first (see Photo 3).

Notice that when text reaches the border of a viewport, it wraps around, just as it normally does at the edge of the full-width acreen. Also notice that the two viewports aren't the same size. This means the text wraps around sooner on one than on the other. In your own pro-

grams, you'd have to include a subroutine to check the size of the viewport and split words logically where needed.

In BasicG, you use the GLOCATE(X,Y),0 statement instead of PRINT@ to display text at a specific place on the screen. GLO-CATE defines the coordinates, and the command PRINT#-3 does the printing. The syntax is the same whether you're printing over the entire screen or in viewports. However, once you've defined a viewport, the coordinate system becomes relative to that viewport. In Listing 3, even though the windows aren't in the upper left-hand corner of the screen, the windows' upper left coordinates are 1,1 (line 210). You can therefore use the same subroutine to put data in any window by addressing the same X,Y coordinates.

There's one hitch to all this: Because the computer treats a viewport as an entire screen, you get an error message if you try to write past the parameters of the last viewport you defined. To avoid this problem, I auggest you redefine the entire screen as a viewport when you exit a program that uses viewports.

Overwriting Concerns

As I mentioned above, defining a new window destroys anything under it on the screen. However, if you've seen commercial programs that use windows or pull-down menus (menus that slide down, covering a portion of the screen without destroying it), you probably noticed that the areas underneath appear to be intact. You can do the same trick with BasicG's Get and Put commands. (In this case, Get and Put don't work as they do with random-access files; they're special BasicG graphics commands.)

The statement GET(X1,X1) – (X2,Y2), VAR% stores a section of the screen in an array (VAR%) that you dimension earlier. Unlike the View command, this doesn't affect the screen. Also unlike View, this is a memory-hungry command. You might need a dimensioned array of 2.5K to atore a quarter of the screen.

Once you store a section of screen, however, you can use the Put command to display it over and over again with little memory penalty. This is useful for pull-down menus or for storing an area a viewport overwrites. Program Listing 4, Circle, shows how this works; it draws a circle inside a box in the upper right corner of the

screen, paints over it, and then restores it. Substitute PRESET for PSET in line 80 to restore the image in inverse video.

You can use this technique to restore a portion of the screen you're going to overwrite with a viewport. Figure out how much area you'fi overwrite and dimension an array large enough to store it. The appropriate formula appears in your graphics Basic manual. In a Get statement, save a section of screen comparable to the area you want covered, then use a Put statement to restore it after you use the window.

If you're working with viewports, you'll have to redefine the entire screen as a viewport or redefine the section where you're restoring your data. Otherwise, you'll get an error message if you try to write past the confines of the last viewport.

This might sound complicated, but it's easier done than said. Likewise pull-down menus. You simply design a menu and GLOCATE it to the screen much as you would a block of text on the normal screen. Save the menu with the Get command in an array large enough to hold it. Erase the graphics screen and proceed with your program.

When you need a pull-down menu, save the area that the menu will cover in another array with another Get statement. The two arrays are the same size. Use the Put command with the menu array to display the menu on the screen. After the menu's INKEY\$ routine, replace the original section of the screen and erase the menu at the same time by putting the second array back where you put the menu. The menu shrinks away as if it had never been there.

Using the methods I've described, you can write your own window programs with pull-down menus. Obviously, those monster multiwindow programs for MS-DOS machines aren't written in Basic, but the logic is the same.



System Requirements

Modela III and 4
48K RAM
BasicG
High-resolution board
Printer optional

Pie Are Not Square

Windows is a pie chart program that puts the principles described above to work (see Program Listing 5). You can display up to four pie charts at a time on its four independent windows. A pull-down menu lets you manipulate the display.

When you run Windows, you'll see the pull-down menu form on the screen and quickly disappear. The program saves it in a Get array for later use. The input routine now prompts you for the title of a pie chart; the prompt appears on the nongraphics screen (in all, you have five screens—the normal screen plus four graphics windows). Your title can be any combination of numbers and letters up to 15 characters long.

Next, Windows prompts you for the period of time the pie chart covers; the same input restrictions apply here. Then you specify how many entries, or accounts, you want to chart. The limit, nine entries, is governed by the windows' size.

Now you choose the window where you want to display your data, that is, the chart's title and raw figures (see Photo 4). Type in a number from 1 to 4. Window 1 is the screen's upper left corner, 2 is lower left, 3 is upper right, and 4 is lower right.

Next, you're prompted for the number of a window for the pie chart itself; again, type in a number from 1-4. The program does no error-checking here to see if you type in the same window number for both your data and the chart. If you indicate the same number, Windows will display the data, then immediately erase it and display the corresponding pie chart. I set up the program this way so you can display four pie charts at once, one in each window.

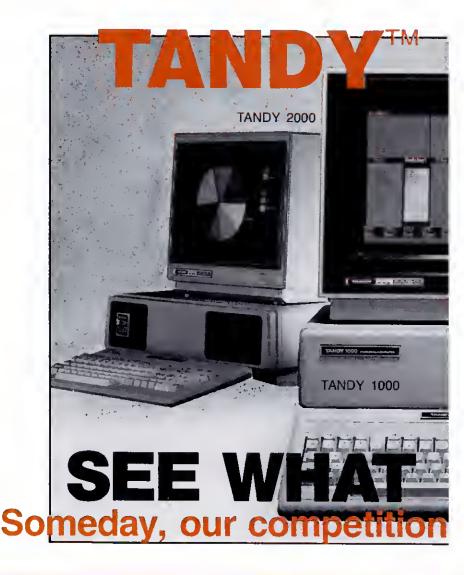
The next block of prompts repeats for each account you indicated. For each account, you type in an account name and amount. The name can be up to nine characters long. The amount's upper limit is 99,999.99. When you type in numeric data, don't use commas, since Windows reads them as delimiters.

If you need larger amounts, you can reformat the program's Print Using statements. However, you'll have less room for the account name if you do so.

The pie chart algorithm has a mechanism that excludes low amounts if the difference between amounts is great. This is necessary for clarity's sake—some slices would be comparatively too small to chart. All amounts you input are included in the total column, however. Since pie slices are numbered, you'll be able to tell which amounts didn't chart.

After you type in the last amount, Windows automatically goes to the graphics screen, draws all four windows, and displays the data and chart in the windows you specified (see Photo 4).

At this point, you can call up the pull-down menu by tapping the spacebar. It



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Delete line 160

Change line 580 to: 580 LPRINT CHR\$(27):CHR\$(20): SYSTEM "GPRT2":RETURN

Insert line 615: 615 SCREEN 1

Insert line 905: 905 SCREEN 0

Figure, Modifications to Program Listing 5 for the Model 4.

appears in the middle of the screen as if it were on a shade that someone was pulling down (see Photo 5). Tap the spacebar again and the menu disappears.

To invoke a menu option, press the number key corresponding to the menu number on the screen. You can erase a window, dump the screen to the printer, or go back to the input subroutine. You don't have to erase a window that you plan to overwrite with a new pie chart or data; Windows does it automatically when you choose that window number during data entry.

When you send your report to the printer, you exit to BasicG in Model 4 mode or exit to TRSDOS in Model III mode.

To run Windows on a Model 4, you must modify Listing 5 as shown in the Figure.

Charting Your Own Course

The power of a window environment lies in its ability to display different data or types of data at the same time. I set up the windows in this program for visual effect and to show that a window's placement and size is arbitrary and not restricted to any one layout. Your requirements might suggest only two windows or more than four.

I left the input section relatively simple. You have more than enough memory left over to add disk I/O routines for VisiCalc DIF files or data base management interfaces. You should have no trouble finding ways to tailor Windows to your own specifications.

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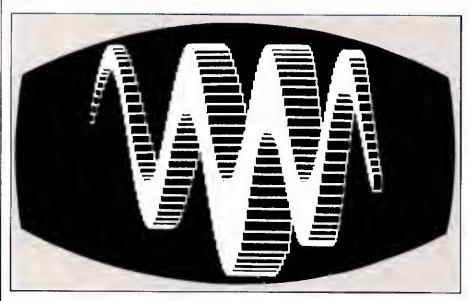


Photo 1. Sinewave's display.

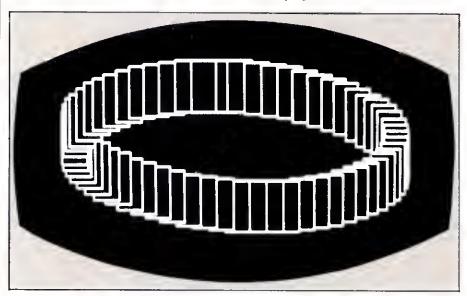


Photo 2. Prism Ring's display.

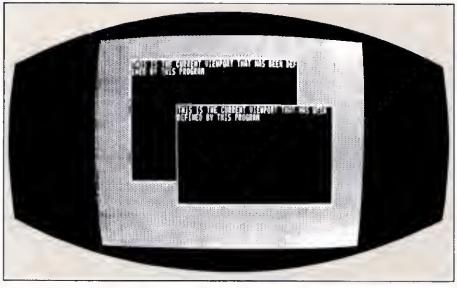


Photo 3. Viewport's display.

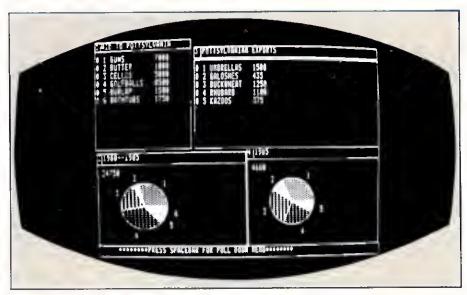


Photo 4. Windows' data displays and ple charts.

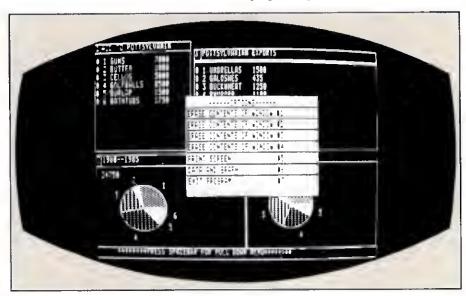


Photo 5. Windows' pull-down menu.

Program Listing 1. Sinewave.

10 'SINE WAVE DESCENDS DOWN SCREEN
20 VIEW(0,0)-(639,239):CLR:SCREEN 0 'set entire graphics screen to viewport and clear it
30 C=55 'lower the number, the flatter the wave
40 J=0:Zl=5:Z2=.9:A=0:B=12
50 FOR X=A TO B STEP .15
60 Xl=20*X:Y=SIN(X):Yl=139-C*(Y+1) 'sin wave algorithm--plot where boxee are to be on screen
70 IF C<0 THEN 'if C<0 then error-send to endless loop or begin prog over
80 IF J>0 THEN C=C-.04 'increasing minus off C increases spaces
90 IF J>0 THEN Xl=X1+2:Yl=Yl-.01
100 IF X1<0 THEN Xl=X1+2:Yl=Yl-.01
110 VIEW(X1,Y1)-(X1+Z1,Y1+Z1),,1:CLR 'draw actual viewport (box) and clear its contents thus removing hidden lines
120 Z1=Z1+Z2:NEXT 'make boxes in wave larger to midpoint of wave
130 Z2=-Z2:J=J+1 'if midpoint reached then make boxes smaller-J ia counting variable for loop
140 IF J=2 THEN 160 'if second half wave made-go to acreen holding loop
150 A=12:B=23:GOTO 50 'midpoint starting variables -execute first part of program with new values to make second half of wave
160 IF INKEY\$="" THEN 160

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System Requirements

Model III

48K RAM

TRSDOS 1.3

Assembly language
Editor/assembler

Program Listing 1. Break In. 00150 ; 00160 00170 START ORG BPEBBR CALL CLEAR ECREEN 457 HL,NSG1 LD CALL 88188 GET OPTION MESSAGE 88198 539 DISPLAY A LINE 88288 WAIT 88218 CALL 73 'E' WAIT FOR A REYPRESS 00220 00230 z,ENABLE ; IF SO, ENABLE IT ; DISABLE OPTION CHOSE? JR CP 00240 00250 IF NOT, LOOP AGAIN TURN CURSOR OFF CHAR. TURN CURSOR OFF JR NZ, WAIT ĽĎ A.15 98268 CALL A, 13 DISPLAY A CARRIAGE RETRN 00200 CALL. RL, MSG3 GET "DISABLED" NESSAGE CALL PRINT IT 00309 BL,3910B ORIGINAL ROUTINE ADDRESS 99329 DI DISABLE INTERRUPTS AESTORE ORIGINAL ROUTINE ĽĎ (4013H),HL EI LD) ENABLE INTERRUPTS | RESET WIGH RAM MEMORY 00340 SL.OFFFFH 99369 ĽД (44110),aL JP 402DH EXIT TO TREDOS READY 99389 ENABLE LD CALL CDRSOR OFF CHARACTER A,15 00390 51 A,13 LD CALL DISPLAY A CARRIAGE RETRN 00410 00428 ØL, NSG2 GET "ENABLED" MESSAGE 00430 CALL DISPLAY IT DISABLE INTERRUPTS DI DI 99449 00450 HL.START2 INTERROPT HANDLER INSTALL INTERRUPT HANDLER 88478 #L, START-1 (4411H), #L ĽД VALUE TO PROTECT PROGRAM PROTECT THE PROGRAM 88498 EI | ENABLE INTERRUPTS | EXIT - EVERYTHING NORKS 88518 NSC1 DEFN '<E>nable or <D>isable the clock interrupt routine? ' DEPA 00539 DEPR 00540 NSG2 00550 The clock interrupt routine has been ENABLED! BDH The clock interrupt routine has been DIRABLED! DEFE 00560 NSG3 DEPN DRFR PROGRAM RESIDEE IN BIMEN RRSOR STOWN DREW DEFALT DEFALT VECTORE FOR SLOW INT'E. SLOW2 88619 SLOW3 DEFW DEFALT SLOW4 00530 SLOWS DEFW DEPALT SI.OW6 DEFW DEFALT 00550 SLOW7 DHFW DEPALT DEFALT DEFALT 00570 FAST1 DEFW IVECTORS FOR PAST INT'R. DEFW FAST2 89599 PAST3 DEFW DEFALT 00700 PAST4 DEFALT 88728 , Start of interrupt handling routine 00730 PUSE SAVE REGISTERS 00750 PHSH AF 88768 88778 PUSE HL PUSH 88798 PUSH LD DE, START3 IRETURN LOCATION SAVE RETURN LOCATION THE FOLLOWING EXECUTES A FAST 33.33 NILLISECOND USER-DEPINED INTERRUPT. 88818 PUSH DE A, B FAST 00839 CALL LD CALL A,9 FAST 00850 CALL A,10 FAST 00070 LD CALL A,11 PAST 89898 HL, TIMER , INCREMENT THE 33.333 INC 00910 (HL) INILLISECOND COUNTER Listing 1 continued

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88928		LD	λ, (HL)	GET COUNTER VALUE	
99938		AND	7	# OF SLOW INT. TO RUR	
98949	FAST	RLCA		DETERNINE INTET LOCATION	
00950 00960		LD LD	L,A 8,0772	; SL = ADDRESS OF NEXT ; INTERRUPT TO EXECUTE	
00978		LD	E, (HL)	DE - LOCATION OF THE	
88988		INC	L	STARTING 2 BYTES	
00990		LD	D, (HL)	POINTING TO YOUR INTRUPT	
01988		PUSE	DB	COPY DE INTO IX	
01010 01020		POP EX	DE.HL	IL CONTAINS A COPY OF DE PERCHANGE DE AND BL	
01030		LD	B, (SL)	DE = ACTUAL LOC. OF YOUR	
81948		INC	HL	INTERRUPT ROUTINE	
01050		LD	D, (HL)		
01060		EX	DE.SL	EXCHANGE DE AND SL AGAIS	
01070 01080	REMOVE	JP LD	(HL) DE,DEFALT	; EXECUTE YOUR ROUTING ; IST. VECTOR RESET VALUE	
81898		CP	12	IS TASE \$ > 12?	
01166		RET	NC	RETORN IF NORE TEAH 12	
91110		RLCA		GET OFFSET VALUE	
01120 01130		I'D I'D	L, A H, 4pph	; EL = TASE LOCATION IS ; THE INTERRUPT TASE TABLE	
91149		DI	Distr	DISABLE INTERRUPTS	
01150		ĽΦ	(HL),E	ADD THE TASE TO TABLE	
01168		INC	BL	18UNP THE POINTEH	
01170		LD	(HL),D	INSTALLATION COMPLETE	
01180	CONST	EI Ret		; ENABLE INTERRUPTS AGAIN ; RETURN TO THE CALLER	
81288		DEFE	6	133.333 NS COUNTER	
	DEFALT		CONST	DEFAULT INT. LOCATION	
	START3	POP	IX	RESTORE REGISTERS	
01238		POP	IX		
01240 01250		POP	BC BL		
81268		POP	AF		
81278		POP	OE 30		
01260		JP	30108	CONTINUE CLOCK HANDLER	
01290		END	START		
					
			D 1		
			Program L	lsting 2. Demo.	
00150	1	ODC.	5 mp 4 d p	. AT DIM THEODOGOD	
88178	ADDTSE	ORG EQU	9FD98H 9FP528	;81-RAM INTERROPT ;ADD A TASK SUBROUTINE	
	REMT8R		OFF4FB	REMOVE A TARE SUBROUTINE	
00200	TIMER	EQU	0PP578	LOCATION OF 33,3NS TIMEH	
00210					
00226	; Inter	rupt in	stallation proces	dure follows below	
		CRTT	457	.CIPAD PCEPPN	
99248		CALL	457 BL. MSG1	CLEAR SCREEN	
		CALL LD CALL	457 BL, MSG1 539	CLEAR SCREEN GET MESSAGE PRINT THE RESSAGE	
08248 08258 88268 88278		LD CALL LD	BL, MSG1 539 DE, MAIN	GET MESSAGE PRINT THE MESSAGE POINTEN OF INT. ROUTINE	
00240 00250 00260 00270 00280		LD CALL LD LD	BL, MSG1 539 DE, MAIN A, 6	GET MESSAGE FRINT THE MESSAGE FOINTER OF INT. ROUTINE SLOT ASSIGNMENT 0.	
00240 00250 00260 00270 00290		LD CALL LD LD CALL	BL,MSG1 539 DE,MAIN A,6 ADDTSX	GET MESSAGE FRINT THE MESSAGE FOINTEN OF INT. ROUTINE SLOT ASSIGNMENT 6. ADD THE TASK TO TABLE	
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Address (hex)	Description
4012	Hook vector for in-
	terrupts. ROM
	hooks there every
4411	33.333 ms. or so.
4411	A 2-byte area stor-
	ing the highest usa-
	ble memory
	location.
3018	ROM's interrupt-
	handling routine.
FF52	ADDTSK aubrou-
	tine. This adda a
	task to the inter-
	rupt task table. DE
	= TCB address, A
	 slot assignment.
FF4F	REMTSK subrou-
	tine. This removes
	a task from the in-
	terrupt task table.
	A = slot assign-
	ment to remove.
FF5F	Timer location.
	Timer is a 33,333
	ms. counter incre-
	mented about every
	33.333 ms.
FFOO-FF17	Interrupt task table
	area. FFOO-FFOF
	are low-speed inter-
	rupts: FF10-FF17
	are high-speed ones.
Table 1. Bre	eak In's routines.

Break In gives you four interrupts at 33 ms. Because this might be too fast for some applications, ita remaining eight interrupts occur at a low speed of about 267.67 ms. With Break In activated, you can run up to 12 routines at the same time

When TRSDOS turns off the clock interrupt, as it does for disk accesses, routines using the clock won't execute until TRSDOS turns the clock back on. Therefore, TRSDOS's clock isn't always accurate.

without really affecting the clock's time.

Installment Plan

Listing 3 continued

Break In controls your interrupt-driven routines, called tasks, via a task table containing the addresses of 12 interrupt slots. The program contains all the routines you need to add or remove a task from the task table. Table 1 shows these routines' addresses and requirements, along with some other locations worth noting. TRSDOS increments the value of a special 1-byte location, called the timer, by 1 every 33.333 ms. You could use it, for example, as a seed value for a random number generator, since it constantly changes.

Once you assemble Listing 1 to disk, Break In takes only a few seconds to install. When you run the program by typing in its /CMD file name, it asks whether you want to enable or disable the clock interrupt routine. If you want to run interrupt-related programs, press the "E" key. If you've already enabled the routine and want to disable it, press the "D" key.

Enabling the routine activates 12 interrupts so they're ready to run your tasks. It also protects your program by setting the high-memory bytes at 4411 and 4412 hex to point to the first byte below the interrupt task table. This protects the table and the accompanying code, except in programs that erase all memory regardless of the high-memory setting.

Once you enable the interrupt-handling routine, don't use TRSDOS's Clear command, which clears all memory from 5600-FFFF hex. Before using Clear, run Listing 1 again and disable the routine.

Pressing the "D" key turns off the interrupt-handling routine and stops the 12 interrupts' operation. It resets the highmemory locations to point to the top of memory (FFFF hex).

After you run Break In, it returns you to TRSDOS. Now you can load your own task driver software. Program Listing 2, Demo, is a demonstration routine; it lets you see exactly when the interrupt executes. To run the routine, assemble Listing 2 to disk and, with Break In enabled, type in Listing 2's /CMD file name.

The message "interrupt on!" appears on your screen. You should see a hyphen and an equals sign alternate in the screen's upper right-hand corner. The character changes each time the interrupt executes.

Demo gives you a low-speed interrupt, executing every 267.67 ms. or so. To see what a fast interrupt looks like, change line 280 of Listing 2 to LD A.8. This assigns the task to the first high-speed slot, so it operates every 33.333 ms. Now run Demo again and watch what happens. The hyphen and equals sign should alternate extremely fast.

Again, don't use the Clear command, unless you want your computer to crash. If the characters stop alternating, it means you're running a program that disables interrupts. Going back to TRSDOS Ready should enable them again.

Driver Education

Listing 2 illustrates how to write your own task driver. To add a task to Break In's task table, you must meet the following requirements. Register DE must point to a 2-byte address called the task control block (TCB), which contains the address of the driver's entry point. Register A must contain the interrupt's slot assignment: Slots zero to 7 represent low-speed interrupts, slots 8-11 high-speed. Register HL must be destroyed after you add a task. On entry to your task driver routine, the IX register contains the TCB address.

Lines 240-320 represent Listing 2's initialization routine. They set up the interrupt-handling routine in lines 400-480 and start it running. Lines 240-260 clear the

sting 3	continued					
	88378 88388			&L,MSGl	JGET "NOT OPERATION" MSG	•
	8939B		RET	DSPLY	DISPLAY IT RETURN TO CALLING PROG.	
	69499 MSGI				have NOT been activated	yet!'
	89418 88426 STRT			EDE, POINT	ILOC, OF ADRS OF PROGRAM	
	89438	_	LD	A,11	, LAST HIGH EPEED INTERRU	
	86448 66458			adotsk El, Øefffn	JADD TASK TO TASK-TABLE ISET BI-RAM TO EFFFE.	
	89468	1	LD	(4411E),HL	PROTECT THIS PROGRAM	
	86478 86488 ;	\$	RET		RETURN TO CALLING PROG.	
	88498	(4174H	HOOK FOR "CHD" COMMAND	
	00500 66510	I	DEFW	CMDEIOR	PREPLACE WITH NEW HOOK OLD ROOK IS TO 5374H	
	00520 ;					
	96539 ; St 99549 ;	art o	of Inter	rupt Handling Ro	outine	
	88558		ORG	OPEODH.		
	96568 POIN 99578 FLAC			START 0	LOCATION OF INT. ROUTIN	E
	BBSBB NOT			8		
	98598 LEN 88686 OPRA			8	;LOCATION OF MESSAGE	
	88618 LENZ			8		
	69629 COUN			3		
	88648 TIME			ØFF52K ØPF5FK	133.333 MS TIMER COUNTER	
	99659 BUFE	PER E	EQ U	0 F 3 0 0 K	BUFFER FOR MESSAGE	
	00550 STAR			A, (OPRRTE) B	GET OPERATION PERMISSIO ICAN ROUTINE OPERATE?	N
	88688			Z	; IF NOT, RETURN FRON INT	
	8869B 8878B		LD CP	A, (16916) B	GET SCROLL PROTECT VALU	E
	68718			Z , PROTCT	PROTECT FIRST LINE	
	99726 98739			A, (COUNT) A	JGET COUNT FOR SPEED JDECREMENT COUNTER	
	88748		TD.	(COURT) , A	SAVE COUNT	
	88758 88758			9 NZ	; IS IT TIME FOR INTRPT? ; RETURN IF NOT TIME	
	89778	1	LID .	λ,3	RESET COUNTER	
	88788 88798			(COUNT),A A,(FLAG)	; COUNTEN RESET ; GET FLAG STATUS	
	88888	F	BIT	Ø,A	BUSY PRINTING A MSG?	
	88818 88828 PRNT			z, noprnt Bl. auffer	IF NOT, RESET FLAGS INESSAGE BUFFER AREA	
	86838	1	LD	A, (LEN2)	GET MESSAGE LENGTH	
	89848 89858			C,A B,6	JBC=MESSAGE LENGTE	
	86869	1	ADD	ar,ac	POINT TO CHAR, TO PRINT	•
	00078 88386		INC LD	A {LER2},A		
	86898 68988			C, A		
	88919			A, (LEN) C		
	88928 88938		CALI. LD	Z, RESFLG	¡QUEUE ROW AVAILABLE	
	98946			(LEN),A A,(HL)	GET CHARACTER TO PRINT	
	60956			HL, SCREEN+1 DE, SCREEN		
	00970	1	TD CT	BC,63	163 CHARACTERE TO MOVE	
	9999		LDIB. LD	(SCREEN+63),A	SCROLL THEN SAVE NEW CHARACTER	
	81986	1	rn.	A, (FLAG)	GET FLAG STATUS	
	61919 91926			9,A Ng	; LAST CHAR, PRINTED? ; RETURN IF NOT	
	01030	1	LTD.	A, (NOTIFY)	FINISHED CLEARING SCREE	:N
	01040 01650			2 Z.CLRFLG	, IF BO, RESET BIT 1	
	91668	(CALL	ADJUST	ADJUST TO CLEAR SCREEN	
	91978 61988 CLR		ret LD	A, (LEN2)	GET CHAR, COUNT	
	91898	1	LD	C, A	; SAVE IT	
	91110			A, (LEN) C	GET MESSAGE LENGTH DONE PRINTING IT?	
	91128	1	RET	NZ	JIF NOT, RETURN TILL DON	E
	01130 01140			A,(FLAG) 1,A	GET FLAG STATUS RESET CLEAR SCREEN FLAG	
	01150	1	LD	(PLAG),A	FLAG RESET	
	91169 91179		XOR LD	A (LEN),A	IZERO A REGISTER TO ICLEAR THIS PLAG	
	81188	1	LD	(LEN2),A	AND THIS PLAG	
	01190 01200		LD Re T	(NOTIFY),A	RETURN FROM INTERRUPT	
	91218 NOP			A, (PLAG)	GET PLAG FTATUS	
	91220 91239		BIT JR	1,A NI,PRNTNG	BUSY, BUT AVAILABLE?	
	81249		BIT	2, A	ANOTHER WAITING QUEUE?	
	01250 01260		jr Res	I, NONEW 2, A	; IF NOT, RESET FLAGS ; RESET WAITING QUEUE	
	#1278		RES	1,A	RESET CLEARING FLAG	
	01280 01290		ebt Ld	B,A {FLAG},A	BUSY PRINTING A MESAGR	
	81389		XOR	A		
	61310 61320		jr Id	(NOTIFY), A PRNTNG	BEGIN PRINTING MESSAGE	
	#133# NON:	EW :	LD	A, 8	THE QUEUE IS ENPTY	
	01340 01350 RESI		LD PUSB	(NOTIFY),A AF	THE QUEUE IS AVAILABLE SAVE AF RECISTER	
	81368		LD	A, (FLAG)	GET FLAG STATUS	
	01370 01380		res Res	8,A 1,A	NOT RUSY PRINTING NOT RUSY PRINTING	
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81788 CP 11 11 A VALID COMMAND? 81790 JR 2,GOOD ;1F 50, EXEC NEW ROUTINE 81880 POP DE ;RESTORE REGISTERS 81810 POP AF ;RESTORE CONDITION CODES 81828 JP 5374H ;EXECUTE THE BASIC COMAND 91838 GOOD LD A,1 ;TURN ON THE INTERRUPT 81848 LD (OPRATE),A ;EUBROUTINE 81858 GOOD2 LD A,(FLAG) ;CET FLAG STATOS 81860 BIT 8,A ;QUEUE AVAILABLE?						
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screen and notify you that the interrupt is working. Lines 300–310 protect the interrupt from other data loading in memory.

Line 270 loads the TCB address ("Main") into DE. Line 390 shows you that Main points to Main2, the task driver's entry point.

Line 280 loads A with the task's slot assignment: You have 12 slots numbered zero to 11. In this case, the slot is zero, a low-speed interrupt. Line 290 calls the routine that adds the interrupt to the task table, which contains the 12 interrupts' TCBs. Don't fool around with these locations in memory or the program might crash. Finally, line 320 exits to TRSDOS Ready, marking the end of the initialization procedure.

Lines 400–480 make up the task driver routine. Note that when the task has executed, it must return from the interrupt. Don't ever use a jump instruction to exit the routine or your computer will bomb. Lines 450 and 480 contain the return instructions, which return the processor from the interrupt so that the program it interrupted can continue running.

To remove a task from the task table, all you have to do is specify in the A register which slot contains the task you want to remove, and call the REMTSK subroutine to do so. HL and DE are destroyed after the call to this subroutine.

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01888	CALL	BUTTIN	ABORT PRESENT DUTY
81896	LD	C, B	IZERO THE COUNTER
01900	IRC	HL	POINT TO DATA TO PRINT
01916	INC	BL	BYPASS THE '"' SYMBOL
01920	LD	DE, BUFFER	; POIRT TO BUFFER AREA
01938 LOOP2	LD	A, (BL)	GET A DATA SYTE TO PRINT
B1949	ΓĐ	(DE),A	STORE CHAR IN BUFFER
B1958	INC	BL	BUMP POINTERS
01969	INC	DE	
819/8	INC	C	
81988	CP	0	;LAST CHARACTER STORED?
81998	JR	Z,LOOP3	IF SO, THEN FINISHED
02000	CP	111	TERMINATER?
82818	JR	Z, ADJLDP	IF SO, ADJUST HL POINTER
82928	JR	LOOP2	CONTINUE UNTIL DONE
82838 LOOP3	LD	A,C	AND STORE THE COUNTER
82848	LD	(LER) A	VALUE IN STORAGE SLOT
92959	ניז	A, (FLAG)	GET FLAG STATUS
B2868	SET	Ø, A	NAITING FOR THE QUEUE
02070	RES	1,A	
82888	RES	2 , A	
82898	LD	(FLAG),A	SAVE FLAG STATUS
82188	DEC	HL	CORRECT POINTER
82118	POP	DE	RESTORE REGISTERS
82128	POP	AF	RESTORE CONDITION CODES
92139	RÉT		CONTINUE ON WITH PROGRAM
02140 BUTTIN	LD	A, (FLAG)	GET FLAG STATUS
#215#	RES	Ø, À	NOT BUSY
02160	RES	1.λ	NOT BUSY NOW
82178	LD	(FLAG), A	SAVE FLAG STATUS
02180	XOR	A	ZERO A TO RESET
82198	ĽD	(LEH),A	TBIS FLAG
82288	ĽD	(LEN2),A	AND THIS FLAG
82218	LD	(NOTIFY) A	AND THIS FLAG
82228	RET		RETURN TO CALLER
2238 ADJLDP	DEC	DE	POINT TO THE ' SIGN
82248	XOR	λ	
02250	LD	(DE),A)ZERO IT OUT
92268	INC	DE	REPOSITION DE
82278 ADJLP2	LD	A, (HL)	CONTINUE UNTIL FOUND B
02288	INC	BL	BUNP POINTER
82298	CP	ē	END OF COMMAND LINE?
#23 0 0	JR	NZ , ADJLP2	CONTINUE UNTIL CONE
82318	JR	LOOP3	FINISHED LOOP
82328	END	STARTH	1. THE CHAP GOOT

Take Command

Program Listing 3, Scroll, is a good example of a task driver's power. It adds a command to Basic, CMD!, that scrolls characters across the top of the screen. Table 2 shows Scroll's important addresses.

To install Scroll, assemble Listing 3 to disk and make sure you've enabled Break In. Now go into Basic and type in:

CMD"L", "SCROLL/CMD"; DEFUSR = &HF200; A = USR(0)

This loads Scroll into memory and runs it. If you haven't enabled Break In, an error message appears and Scroll aborts.

Try out the new command by typing in: CMD!"ABLE WAS LERE LSAW ELBA."

You should see the message scroll

across the top of your screen. The program scroll-protects the screen's top line; to unprotect it, you have to turn off the Scroll function by typing in:

POKE &HF005.0

To restore scroll protection, POKE the same location with a value other than zero or invoke the CMD! command again.

You can change the scrolling speed. For faster scrolling, POKE locations F007 and FO21 with values less than 3 but not zero. The value 3 represents the original scrolling speed. To slow down the scroll, POKE the locations with a value greater than 3,

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	F200	Start of Scroll's
		initialization
		procedure.
	F000	A pointer Break In
		uses to find the
		task routine's entry
		point.
	F002	A flag byte indicat-
		ing Scroll's status.
	F004	Contains the mes-
		sage's length.
	F005	Operation permis-
		sion byte. If this is
		anything other
		than 1, the pro-
		gram is off. If it's 1,
		the program is on.
	4174	Hook location for
		Basic's new CMD!
		command.
	F007 and F021	Changing these
		values speeds up
		or slows down
		scrolling.
	F300-FFFF	Message buffer
		area.

Table 2. Scroll's routines.

but less than 256, or zero. If you decide to change speeds, be sure to POKE the same number in both memory locations.

If you type in two messages to scroll, the computer waits until the first finishes scrolling before printing the second.

Location F004 contains the length of the message being printed, which can be up to 256 characters. Location F006 contains the number of characters printed so far. When F006 equals F004, the message has finished printing.

Location F002 is a flag value containing Scroll's status. Here's a rundown on the bits in this byte:

Bit zero	If set, the program is printing a mes- sage and the queue is unavailable.
Bit 1	If set, the program is scrolling a
Dit 1	message off the screen, but is avail-
	able to print another message.
Bit 2	If set, another message is waiting in
	the queue. When the program fin-
	ishes scrolling the first message, it
	prints the message in the queue
	and resets this bit.
Bits 3-7	Scroll doesn't use these bits, so
	they're available for your use.

Don't touch bits zero to 2 of this byte or you could really mess things up.

Scroll keeps the message it's printing in a buffer at location F300 and reserves 256 bytes for the buffer area. The scroll interrupt occupies slot 11 of the task table, so don't use this slot for another interrupt if you want Scroll to operate concurrently.

RAMifications

To run the Listings on a Model III with less than 48K of RAM, change their ORG

addresses to appropriate values. But make sure that no other task drivers load over Listing 1 while it's running.

You should originate Listing 1 so that the program's last byte loads into the highest possible RAM location—this gives you the maximum amount of free memory. If you do change the programs' loading addresses, the POKEs and other addresses described above won't apply.

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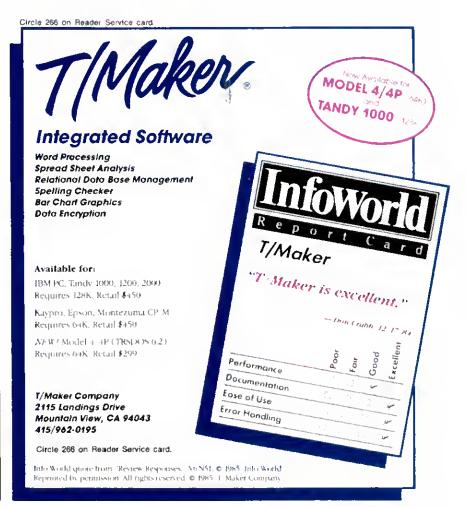
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The Right Address

Different versions of TRSDOS 6.X use different system memory addresses. Locator gives you the right addresses for Model 4 TRSDOS.

inding a memory address in Model 4 TRSDOS is a bit like finding Main St. inflye different towns; the idea is the same in each, but the location changes. So it is with memory addresses under TRSDOS 6.X—they change with each version of TRSDOS.

Locator (see Program Listing 1) determines the correct memory addresses for cursor control, scroll protection, redefinable function keys, and the keyboard for your version of TRSDOS. It does so by searching low memory for the location of \$DO and \$KI and adding displacements to these locations to get the right addresses.

You can store these addresses on disk so Basic programs can access them. Since the memory locations on disk are correct for the resident version of TRSDOS, Basic programs operating under control of the system disk will automatically use the proper PEEK and POKE addresses.

Variable	Function
LS	Scroll protection
LC	Cursor Image
Ll	Function key 1,
	lowercase
L2	Function key 1.
	uppercase
L3	Function key 2,
	lowercase
L4	Function key 2.
	uppercase
L5	Function key 3,
	lowercase
L6	Function key 3.
	uppercase
LK	Keyboard map

Toble. Locator's subroutine saves memory addresses to these variables.

To further facilitate programming, I've included a Basic subroutine (see Program Listing 2) that copies the addresses on the system disk to the program variables indicated in the Table. To accomplish this,

you execute a GOSUB command to the subroutine.■

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```
Program Listing 1. Locator.
             'LOCATOR---BASIC PROGRAM BY M. DYKE
            N = 0: JK = 0: JV
POR J = 1 TO 5000
JP = PEEK(J)
           JP = PEEK(J)
IF N <> 8 THEN 158
IF PEEK(J) <> 24 THEN 150
IF PEEK(J+1) <> 82 THEN 280
IF PEEK(J+2) <> 83 THEN 280
IF PEEK(J+4) <> 60 THEN 280
IF PEEK(J+4) <> 79 THEN 280
IF PEEK(J+5) <> 83 THEN 280
IF PEEK(J+6) <> 54 THEN 280
N = PEEK(J+7)
GOTO 280
            GOTO 200

IF JP <> 36 THEN 200

J1 = PEEK (J+1)
140
150
            1F JK <> 0 THEN 230
1P Jl <> 75 THEN 230
1P PEEK(J+2) <> 73 THEN 280
190
            JK = J
IP JV
            IP JV <> 0 THEN 330 GOTO 280
            IF JV <> 0 THEN 280 IF J1 <> 68 THEN 28
                                            THEN 280
             IF PEEK (J+2) <> 79 THEN 288
268
270
             IF JK <> 0 THEN 330 PRINT "CHECKING LOC ",J
             NEXT J
             PRINT "MEMORY SEARCH NOT SUCCESSFUL FOR OPERATING SYSTEM IN USE"
 330
              PRINT "SOME USEFUL MEMORY LOCATIONS IN TRSDOS 6."; CHR$(N)
            PRINT "
PRINT " SCROLL PROTECTION: ";JV+7;" ( POKES 9-15 )"
PRINT " CURSOR CHARACTER: ";JV+11
PRINT " LC F1 CHARACTER: ";JK+35
PRINT " UC F1 CHARACTER: ";JK+36
PRINT " UC F2 CHARACTER: ";JK+36
PRINT " UC F2 CHARACTER: ";JK+37
PRINT " UC F3 CHARACTER: ";JK+38
PRINT " LC F3 CHARACTER: ";JK+38
PRINT " UC F3 CHARACTER: ";JK+38
PRINT " UC F3 CHARACTER: ";JK+48
PRINT " KEYBOARD MAP START: ";JK+11
PRINT " KEYBOARD SAVE ON DISK FOR USE BY OTHER IS
 350
             PRINT
 360
 370
 388
 390
 400
 449
             LINE INPUT"ENTER Y TO SAVE ON DISK FOR USE BY OTHER BASIC PROGRAMS ";Y$
IF YS <> "Y" THEN 520
OPEN "O",1, "SYSLOC/TXT:0"
WRITE1, JV+7,JV+11,JK+35,JK+36,JK+37,JK+38,JK+39,JK+40,JK+11
             CLOSE 1
PRINT*DATA STORED IN FILE 'SYSLOC' FOR USE BY OTHER BASIC PROGRAMS*
 510
                                                                                                                                                                                                      End
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Model 4/4P 32K RAM TRSDOS 6.X

Program Listing 2. Basic subroutine to copy variables.

65808 'PROGRAM FILE "GETLOC" A SUBROUTINE BY M. DYKE FOR INCLUSION IN OTHER BASI C PROGRAMS TO GET MEMORY LOCATIONS STORED ON SYSTEM DISC BY PROGRAM "LOCATOR" 65818 'LC=CURSOR LS=SCROLL PROTECTION L1=F1LC L2=F1UC L3=F2LC L4=F2UC L5=F3LC L6-F3UC LK=KEYBOARD MAP 65828 ON ERROR GOTO 65839: OPEN "I", 1, "SYSLOC/TXT:0"; ON ERROR GOTO 6: INPUT 1, L5, L6, L1, L2, L6, LK; CLOSE 1: RETURN 65838 PRINT"PROGRAM 'LOCATOR' MUST BE EXECUTED BEFORE CURRENT PROGRAM CAN BE RUN ": RESCHE 65848 END

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like 80 Micro's high-resolution Mac-Paint-style graphics program, Rembrandt, ('Drawing in Detail,' September 1985, p. 56), but Model III owners can't execute BasicG's GSAVE, GLOAD, or GPRINT commands from within Rembrandt; it returns control to TRSDOS 1.3 if you do so. In addition, you can't use Rembrandt with an Epson printer, I'll show you how you can do both.

To fix Rembrandt for operation under TRSDOS 1.3, add these lines to the program:

- 1 GOTO 5
- 2 FOR I = 1 TO LEN(FI\$):POKE 249 + I 1,ASC (MID\$(FI\$.I.1)) :NEXT:X = USR(0): RETURN
- 5 CLEAR500:FOR i = 0 to 6:READ A:PDKE &HFF00 + I.A :NEXT :DEFUSR = &HF00 :DATA 33, 7, 255, 205, 156, 66, 201

Also, you have to change some Rembrandt lines to those in the Figure. This adds a small machine-language program that uses the CMDDOS call (429CH) to execute a TRSDOS command. You should set memory size to 61439 (0F000H) since this is where the graphics routines load.

The screen print routines that come with BasicG don't work with Epson printers. I modified the routines in the BasicG manual to work on the Epson MX-80 and FX-80. Program Lizting I prints the screen with the X axis down the page and the Y axis across it; i.e., I rotated the screen 90 degrees. The routine prints the dots on the Y axis twice.

Program Listing 2 prints the X axis across the page and the Y axis down it. Neither of these routines use BasicG's screen, ROM, or supervisor calls.

The routine to initialize the Model III graphics board is in the TRS-80 Computer Graphics Operation Manual, Radio Shack catalog #26-1125, pp. 89 and 90. Insert lines 125-154 from the manual where indicated in Listings 1 and 2.

You can write to Dale Elton Rogerson at 1123B McMillian St., Atlanta, GA 30332.



System Requirements

Model III 64K RAM BasicG High-resolution board Program Listing 1. Epson screen dump routine that prints the X axis down o page and the Y axis across. N.B.: You must insert several lines where indicated from an initialization routine in your BasicG manual.

```
89898
89881 ;*
89982 ;*
88983 ;*
                                                EPSON SCREEN DUMP 1
                                      by
Dale Rogerson
Narch 84
For Hi-Res Board (III)
                      00205
                                 For Hi-Res Board (III)
Complete re-write of GPRINT.
Dumps screen to an Epson printer:
FR-B8,NX-88,NX-88 or compatible.
Frints Y axis across pags with
each screen line printed twice.
This dump fills a whole page.
                      00007
                      99988
                      88889
                      80818
                       00011
                      88812
                      80013
                      00014
00015
P000
F000 E5
                                                          9F999H
                      99916 GPRINT
                                            PUSH
                                                                                    Save the Regs
P001 D5
F002 C5
                       00017
                                             PUSH
                                                          DE
                      88818
                                             PUSH
PORS DDES
                                             PUSH
                                                                      ; Initialize Graphics ; 81818888H Inc X on Read & write
F005 CD0000
                      86828
                                             CALL
                                                          INITG
PMMR 3E51
                      88421
                                                          A. 81
                                                          (STATUS),A
FBBA 0383
                      88822
                                             OUT
                                                                                   Set Statua
                                                                                    ;Set Printer for 8 pins
F00C 2195F0
F00F 0603
                      00023 SETUP
                                             LD
                                                          RL, NUMPIN
F811 CD45F8
F614 23
                      00025 SETUP2
                                            CALL
                                                          PRINTA
                                                                                    Print byte
                                                                                    Get next byte
F815 18FA
P817 8658
                                                          SETUP 2
                                                                       ;Go print again
;B=number of columns to Print
                      00027
                                             DJNZ
                       99928 FORX
                                                          HL, BUFFER; NL ==> Buffer
A, B ;A=B
A ;Column # = B-1
F819 2192F8
F81C 78
                      00029
00030 FCRX2
PêlD 3D
Pêle D388
                       00031
                                             ORC
                       00032
                                             CUT
                                                          (X),A
                                                                       ;Set X position
F828 AF
F821 4F
F822 D381
F824 C5
                                                                       ;A=0
;C= line # (screen)
;Set Y position to B
;Seve # of columns
                      88833
                                             XOR
                       88835
                                             OUT
                                             PUSB
                       88835
P825 CD4PF8
P828 DB82
                                                          GRAMOD
                      00037
00038 PORY
                                                          GRAMOD , Put printsr in Graphics mode
A, (GRAPH) ;Get Byte
                                             CALL
                                             IN
P82A CD5DP8
P820 77
                      88839
88340
                                             CALL
LD
                                                          REVERS
                                                                                    Byte backwerde-Reverse
Put Byte into BL
                                                          (EL),A
F82E CD45F0
F831 CD45F0
                                             CALL
                                                          PRINTA
                                                                                    Print Byte
                       00042
                                                                                    Print Dyte again
Inc Line #
                                                          PRINTA
P034 0C
P035 3EF8
                                             INC
                       00043
00044
                                                          A, 240
                                                                                    :A=last screen line #
P037 B9
P038 20EE
                                                                                    At last screen line?
                                                          NZ . FORY
                                                                                    ; If not print next byte ; Print a line feed
                       00046
                                             JR
P83A 368A
F83C CD45F8
F83P C1
F848 18DA
                       88847
                                                          (HL), GAE
PRINTA
                                             POP
DJNZ
                       88849
                                                                       ;Get counter
                       88858
                                                          FCRX2
                                                                       Do next printer line Finished so go and it
P942 C378P8
                       89851
88852
                                                          BYE
                                              Print
                                                          Byte
A, (251)
61
FØ45 DBFB
FØ47 FE3D
                       80053 PRINTA
80054
                                             IN
CP
                                                                                     Check Printer Status
                                                                                    ;Ready?
;Check egain if not
;Print Byte
 F849 28FA
                       00055
00056
                                              JR
                                                          NZ, PRINTA
 FØ4B 7E
                                                           A,(HL)
(251),A
                       00057
 PØ4C D3FB
                                             CUT
 FB4E C9
                                             RET
                                                     Printer in Graphics Mode
                        BBB6B GRAMOD
 P04F 25
P050 218EF0
                                             PUSH
                       88861
                                              LD
                                                           HL, BGMODE
                                                          B,4
PRINTA
                       88862
88863 GRA681
 F853 8684
                                              LD.
P855 CD45F8
F858 23
P859 18FA
                                              CALL
                       89864
89865
                                             INC
DJN2
                                                           UL
GRABBI
FØ5B E1
FØ5C C9
                       00866
00867
                                             POP
                                                           ĦL
                                             Rever
                       83866
                                                           the Byte in A
PBSD 3298FB
PB6B AF
PB61 P601
FB63 118888
FB66 3A98FB
FB69 A3
                                                                                    ;Save the byte ;ZERO A
                                 REVERS
                                                           (XLOC),A
                       88959
                       88878
                                              XOR
                                              LD
                                                          DE,89E ;D = New Byte/E = Mask Byte
A,(XLOC);Get byte back
                       9 9 9 7 2
                                              t.n
                       00073 START
                                              AND
                                                                       ;Use mask to get bit
                                                                                                          Listing I continued
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A,B ;Get Mask Byte
D ;Nerge with New Byte
D,A ;Put New byte into D F06D 78 89876 98877 LD FØ6E B2 FØ6F 57 OR 00070 F070 CB0B F072 CB00 99979 NXTONE Nask next bit ;Done all bits and back to 7? RRC E BRRRR RLC P074 30F0 F076 7A 00081 JR NC, START; Go to start if not all done 00082 A,D Put new byte into A 89883 RET Return 88884 Printer to Normal & End Program F078 2193F0 F07B 0602 00085 BYE HL, EGMODE B, 2 PRINTA LD Set printer to Normal 00086 00087 BYE2 LD F07D CD45F0 F080 23 CALL INC DJNZ 90000 FB01 10FA FB83 3EPC 99999 RYE2 00090 A, BPCH ; Si (STATUS), A ;Set Options F885 D383 F887 DDE1 00091 OUT POP 00092 Get Regs FBB9 C1 FBBA D1 88893 POP POP 88894 FOOR EL 88895 88896 HL XOR RET BBBBBB Date MARR EQU 1000 00100 Y EQU 81H 82H 0082 00101 GRAPH 00102 STATUS 0083 EQU DEFB **03H** FØ8E 18 00103 BGMODE 27 'K' :Graphics mode FØSF 4B 00104 DEFR F090 E0 DEPB 88186 DEFR 0001 F093 1B 00107 BUFFER DEFS 27 'e' 88188 EGMODE DEFB rNormal Mode DEFB 27 'A' F#95 18 00110 NUMPIN DEFB ;Set number of Pins F096 41 F097 08 00111 DEFB 88112 DEFB 99113 XLOC DEFB 80114; ------Initialize Graphics Board-Found in Hanual 80115; Insert lines 125-154 of the Initialization routine 80116; page 89-99 of the TRS-80 Computer Graphics Operation 80117; Manual. Radio Shack Catalog # 26-1125. 80155 GPRINT FOOD

End

Program Listing 2. Epson screen dump that prints the X axis across page and the Y axis down, N.B.: You must insert several lines where indicated from an initialization rautine in your BasicG manual.

```
EPSON SCREEN DUMP 2
                  88882 :*
88883 :*
                  88888 ;* Dumps screen to an Epson Printer
88889 ;* FX-88, MX-88, RX-88 or Compatible.
                  00010 : Prints X axis across page.
                  88812
F000
                                    ORG
                                              0F000H
F000 E5
F001 D5
                  00014 CPRINT
                                   PUSH
                                                                  ;Save registers
                  90015
                                              DE
F002 C5
F003 DDE5
                  88816
                                    Push
                  88917
                                    PUSH
                                              IX
P005 CD0000
                                    CALL
                                              INITG
                                                                  :Initialize Graphics
                                                      F008 3ED1
F00A D383
                                             A, 209 ;11
(STATUS), A
                  00019
                                    LD
                  88828
                                    OUT
F00C 210DF1
F00F 0603
                  00021 SETUP
00022
                                             HL, NUMPIN
B, 3
                                   LD
                                    LD
FØ11 CDD9FØ
FØ14 23
FØ15 10FA
FØ17 DD2112F1
                  00023 SETUF2
00024
                                   CALL
                                              PRINTA
                                    INC
                                              HL
SETUP2
                  00025
                                    D.INZ
                                                                  ;IX = 0 byte buffer
                 BBB26
                                    LD
                                              IX, SCRBUF
FØ1B ØE82
FØ1D AF
FØ1E 3211F1
FØ21 Ø61E
                  88827
                                              C,828
                                                                  PORT
                                    LD
                  88828
                                    XOR
                                                                  :Zero A
                                                                  | Set Y position to 0 | NUMBER OF PRINTER LINES
                                   LD
                  88829
                                              (POSY),A
                  90039
                                              B,30
F021 601E
F023 C5
F024 CDE3F0
F027 211AF1
F02A AF
F02B 3210F1
F02E 0650
                                   PUSH
                  00031 OUT
                                                                   SAVE HUMBER
                                              GRAMOD
                  00032
                                                                  Printer in Graphics mode
                                                                  ;HL;ZERO x POSITION;SAVE IT;B=0 of Columns to Print
                  00033
                                    LD
                                              HL, PRTBUF
                                    XOR
                  89834
                  00035
                                    LD
                                              (POSX),A
                                              B, 00
BC
                  00036
                                                                  ;Save count
;Get X-position
;Set it
F030 C5
F031 3A19F1
                                   PUSH
LD
                  89937 MIDDLE
                                              A, (POSX)
                                              (80H),A
A,(POSY)
(81H),A
F034 D380
F036 3A11F1
                  00039
                                    OUT
                                                                  Get Y-position
                  99949
                                    LD
FØ39 D301
                  88841
                                    OUT
F#38 ED78
                                                                  Get byte at screen loc
                                              A. (C)
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    F#3D DD77##
                      00043
                                                   (XX),A
                                                                       ;Save it in buffer
    F#4# ED78
                      00044
                                                  A, (C)
(IX+1),A
                                                                       get byte 2;save it
    FØ42 DD77Ø1
                      88845
    F045 ED76
                      00046
                                                  A, (C)
                                                                       qet byte 3-8
                                                  (IX+2),A
A,(C)
(IX+3),A
    FØ47 DD77Ø2
    FØ4A ED76
                      00846
                                        ΙN
    FØ4C DD77Ø3
FØ4F ED78
                                        IN
                      00058
                                                  A. (C)
    FØ51 DD77Ø4
FØ54 ED78
                                                   (1X+4) A
                                        IN
                                                  A, (C)
(IX+5),A
                      00052
    F056 DD7705
                                                  À,(C)
(IX+6),A
    P059 ED78
                      88854
                                        1 N
    F05B DD7706
                                                  A, (C)
(IX+7),A
                                                                       :Read 8th byte
    FRSE ED78
                      00056
                                        IN
          DD7787
                                                                       ;Save it
;B= 4 of bytes read
    FØ63 Ø6Ø8
                      00050
                                        LD
                                                  B.8
    FØ65 168Ø
                      00059 ROTATE
                                                  D,128
                                                                       ;D ia mask bit
    FØ67 AF
                      00060
                                        XOR
                                                                       :Zero A
    F068 DDCB0006 00061
                                                  (IX)
                                                                       ;Rotate byte 1
    FØ6C 3001
                      00062
                                        JR
                                                  NC, $+3
                                                                       ;Bit set?
                                                                       ; If so set same bit on A
    FØ6E B2
                      00063
    FØ6F CBØA
                                                                       D is now bit 6
    F971 DDCB0106 00065
                                        RLC
                                                  (1X+1)
                                                                       ;Rotate Byte 2
    F075 3001
                                                                       ;Is it set
;If so Set bit on A
;Set bit 5 on D
                      00066
                                        JR
                                                  NC . $+3
                      00067
                                        OR
RRC
    F878 CBBA
    F07A DDCB0206 00069
F07E 3001 00070
                                        RLC
                                                   {1x+2}
                                        JR
                                                  NC, $+3
    F080 B2
F081 CB0A
                      88871
                      90072
                                        RRC
    F083 DDCB0306 00073
F007 3001 00074
                                                   (IX+3)
                                        RLC
                                        JR
                                                  NC, $+3
    F069 B2
F08A CB0A
                      00075
                                        RRC
    FØBC DDCBØ406 Ø0077
FØ90 3001 00078
                                        RLC
                                                   (IX+4)
                                        JR
                                                  NC, $+3
    F892 B2
                      88879
                                        OR
    F093 CB0A
                                        RRC
    F095 DDCB0506 00081
                                        RLC
                                                   {IX+5}
    FØ99 3001
                                        JR
                                                  NC , $+3
    F898 82
                      ааааз
                                        OR
    FOSC CBOA
                      98984
                                        RRC
    F09E DDCB0606 00005
                                        RLC
                                                   (IX+6)
    FØA2 3001
                      00086
                                        JR
                                                  NC, $+3
                      00087
    FØA5 CBØA
                      89999
                                        RRC
    FØA7 DDCB0796
                      00069
                                        RLC
                                                   (IX+7)
    FØAB 3001
                      00090
                                        JR
                                                  NC, $+3
    FØAD 82
                      98991
                                                  (BL),A ;A= New Byte, Store it
PRINTA ;Print Byte
ROTATE ;Do 8 in all
                                                   (BL).A
    FØAE 77
                      00092
                                        LD
    FØAF CDD9FØ
FØB2 1ØB1
                      00093
                      88894
                                        DJNZ
                                                                       ;Get x position ;Inc it
    FØB4 3A1ØF1
                                        LD
                                                  A, (POSX)
                                        INC
    FØB7 3C
                      00096
          3210F1
                                                   (POSX),A
                                                                        ;Save it
                                        POP
    FØBB Cl
                      00098
                                                  BC
                                                                       :Get column count
    FØBC Ø5
FØBD AF
                      00099
00100
                                                                       ; Decrement
                                        XOR
                                                                        :Zero A
    F68E 26
F68F C230F6
                      00101
                                        CP
JP
                                                                        Done Last Column?
                                                   NZ. MIDDLE
                                                                        :Go if not
    FØC2 36ØA
FØC4 CDD9FØ
                      00103
                                                  (HL), BAH
PRINTA
                                                                       Print a Line feed
                      00104
                                        CALL
    F0C7 3A11F1
                      00105
                                                                       ;Get Y position :Add 8
                                                   A, (POSY)
    FØCA C698
                      00106
                                        ADD
    FØCC 3211F1
                                                                       ;save it
                                                   (POSY) A
                                        POP
    FØCF C1
                      00100
                                                  BC
                                                                        :Get count
                                        DEC
                                                                        Decrement count
    FROI AP
                      00110
                                        XOR
                                                                        . A=0
    FBD2 B8
FBD3 C223FB
                                        CP
                                                                       Check count
                      00112
                                        JP.
                                                  NZ.OUT
                                                                       ;Cont. not zero
;Quit if Zero
    FBD6 C3F1F8
                                         JP
                                                   BYE
                      00114
                                ----Print
                                             Routine
    FØD9 DBFB
                      00115 PRINTA
                                                  A, (251)
61
                                                                       ;Get printer Status
;Is it ready?
;If not wait
                                        IN
    FODB FE3D
                      00116
00117
                                        CP
    FØDD 20FA
                                                  NZ, PRINTA
                                        JŔ
    FØDF 7E
                      99118
                                                  A, (ØL)
(251),A
                                                                       Get char in HL Send to Printer
    FØEØ D3FB
                      00119
                                        OUT
                      00120
00121
    FØE2 C9
                                        RET
                                        Put Printer in Graphics Mode
    F0E3 E5
F0E4 2107F1
F0E7 0604
                      88122 GRAMOD
88123
                                                  HL
HL, BGMODE
                                        PUSH
                                                                       ; Save HL
                                                                       :Get Printer Codes
                                        LD
                       00124
                                        LD
                                                                        ;4 bytes
    FRED CDD9FR
FRED 18FA
                      00125 GRR001
                                        CALL
                                                                       Print them
                                                  PRINTA
                                        INC
DJNZ
                      00127
                                                  GRADO1
                                                                        Repeat
    PBEF E1
FBFB C9
                                        POP
                                                  HL
                                                                       :Get HL
                      00129
                                        RET
                                                                        Return
                      00130 ;---
                                                ogram/Return Printer to Normal
                                        End Pr
                                                  HL, EGMODE
B, 2
    FØF1 2108F1
                                        LD
                                                                       ;Get Printer Codes
                                                                       :2 bytes
    FBF6 CDD9F6
                      99133 BYEZ
                                        CALL
                                                  PRINTA
                                                                        Print One
    FØF9 23
FØFA 1ØFA
                                                  RL
                                                                       :Get next
                                        INC
                      00135
                                        DJNZ
                                                  BYE2
                                                                        Go print it
                                                            ;No inc/dec, waits, board off
),A ;Set Graphics Options
                      00136
                                        LD
                                                  A, OFCH
    FREE D383
                      00137
                                        OUT
                                                   (STATUS) A
    F100 DDE1
F102 C1
                      00130
                                                  IX
BC
DE
                                        POP
                                                                       ;Get regs
                      00139
                                        POP
                      88148
                                        POP
    F184 E1
                      00141
                                        POP
    F195 AF
                                        XOR
                                                                       :Zero A
                                                  Α
    F106 C9
                                        RET
                                                                       :Return to Caller
                                                                                        Listing 2 continued
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The answers to the TRS-80 trivia quiz (Sidetracks, p. 8):

- 1. The Model I with Level I Basic: WHAT?, HOW?, and SORRY.
- 2. Start up an Exatron Stringy-Floppy.
- 3. RVEJARAJ.
- 4. The sentence reads. "Joe, you rummy buzzard!" It was used in a prototype format program's verification utility and got inserted at the end of each sector in the early TRSDOS I.3 disks. The format program was later changed to insert "(c) 1980 Radio Shack."
- 5. The Inventory Control program for Radio Shack stores, modified to feed itself nonsense data.
- 6. International Jewelers Guild.
- 7. TRSDOS 1.3.
- 8. ULTRADOS.
- 9. A\$ and B\$; 16 characters.
- 10. It was a tape-based program that used Disk Basic verbs for mostly graphics-oriented functions. Its features included a timed Input statement, where you could set a time interval in which response had to occur before the program took a branch elsewhere.

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Listing 2 continued
                    88144 ;----
88145 STATUS
88146 BGMODE
88147
88148
                                      EQU
                                                83H
   F187 1B
F188 4C
F189 88
F18A 82
                                      DEFR
                                                27
                                      DEPB
                                      DEFB
                                                128
                    00149
                                      DEFB
                                                2
27
   F100 18
F10C 40
                    00150 EGMODE
00151
                                      DEFE
                                               'e
27
                                      DEFR
   F100 1B
                    00152 NUMPIN
                                      DEFE
   F102 41
F10F 06
F110 00
                    00153
                                      DEFB
                    80154
88155 POSX
                                      DEFB
                                      DEFB
                    89156
88157
                            POSY
SCRBUP
                                      DEFE
                                      DEFS
   8688
                    Radio Shack Catalog # 26-1125
GPRINT
                                      END
   F000
                                                                                                     End
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1770 IF FF<>28 THEN 1790 ELSE POKE 128,135:GOSUB 1970 :PUT(X1,Y1),CU,XOR :VIEW(0,0)-(639,239) :CLS :SCREEN1 :INPUT*READY PRINTER & PRESS 'ENTER'";ZZ$ :GOSUB 1990 :IF PEEK(128)=135 THEN SYSTEN PR$ ELSE FI$=PR$ + CHR$(13) :GOSUB 2 1790 IF FF<>29 TBEN 1818 ELSE POKE 128,135:GOSUB 1970 :VIEW(8,8)-(639,239) :CLS :SCREEN1 :INPUT*ENTER FILENAME";FI$ :GOSUB 1990 :FI$=GSAVE "+FI$+ CHR$(13) :GOSUB 2 1810 IF FF<>30 THEN 1838 1828 PUT(X1,Y1),CU,XOR :VIEW(0,0)-(639,239) :CLS :GOSUB 1978 :SCHEEN1 :PRINT :PRINT :INPUT*ENTER FILENAME";FI$ :FI$="GLOAD " +FI$+CHR$(13) :GOSUB 2 :RC=1: GOSUB 2340 :RC=0 :SCHEEN0 :POKE120,13 4 :GOTO188
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Figure. Change Rembrandt's lines to those listed above.

It isn't easy to hide information like a serial number or surprise message in Basic program lines. Here's a quick and dirty way to give Model I/III Basic code a little privacy; it depends on a quirk in the Basic line editor. Follow these seven steps carefully:

- Type in your line of Basic code as usual.
 Shorter lines work best; you must have some room at the end of the line. Press the enter key.
 Get into Basic's edit mode by typing in EDIT and the line number, then press the enter key.
- 3. Press the "X" key to get to the end of the line.
- 4. Extend the line by typing in a colon and REM(:REM) or a colon and an apostrophe (:').

 5. Press and hold the shift key. At the same time, press the left-arrow key. Each time you press the left arrow, the cursor backspaces once without erasing the character under it. Backspace to the beginning of the message or code you want to hide.
- 6. Now type in a new message. This will cover the original code. For example, you might want to cover GOTO 500 with FRINT A\$. You can use spaces if you can't think of anything else.
- 7. Press the enter key to lock in the new code. When you list the line, the display shows

only the new information. Actually, Basic displays the original code and immediately covers it up: you should avoid long cover-ups as they might jitter on the screen.

When would you use this technique? You might want to hide a serial number contained in a program. If the original code were SN = 25, you could cover the 25 with 38. A user of the program would see the second number but Basic would use the first. The Remark statement prevents any of the cover-up code from executing.

You could cover a GOTO 500 with GOSUB 650—have fun following that program! Or you could hide a surprise message by covering :PRINT "YOU LOSE, TURKEY" with :REM END OF GAME ROUTINE. Or try hiding something like IF N\$ = "ANDY" THEN CMD"S", where N\$ is the name of a friend. Your friend will be puzzled because the program will list properly but will always seem to reboot—on him or her only.

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Trying to read a long file as it whizzes by your screen is a study in frustration. To properly inspect file lines, you need a program that writes files to your screen in small, controllable pieces. Page, a Model 4 Assembly-language program, displays files either a screenful at a time or line by line.

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If you press the break key or control-C, you exit the program. Of course, Page also stops at the end of the file. Since I designed this program for standard text files only, you must save Basic programs in ASCII format, using the SAVE FILE NAME, A option.

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Editor's note: We have published the accompanying listing in Basic data statements. The Basic program and /CMD file are available on Load 80.

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Making TRS-80 Assemblers Toe the Hex/ASCII Line

hen you build a hardware project, your software has to work with it. But the output from TRS-80 assemblers, such as EDTASM and ALDS, doesn't conform to the industry-standard intel hexadceimal/ASCII absolute object code format, which lets you easily load and transfer microprocessor object files.

Since I use the hex/ASCII format for much of my development debugging equipment, I wrote a program that converts TRS-80 object files to hex/ASCII. I can download such files to my emulator (such as the Huntsville Microsystems Z80 emulator in the Photo) and Sunrise Electronics EPROM programmer. The DR800 single-board computer in the April (p. 82) and May (p. 78) columns also accepts code in the hex/ASCII format.

I can also easily send them over telephone lines using a modem. Hex/ASCII has several advantages. First, it includes object location (addressing) information so the system must know where in memory to put the code. Second, it includes a data integrity check (checksum) so you can transfer data reliably to another system. Finally, it uses only printable ASCII characters and a carriage return at the end of each line, avoiding special control characters that the receiving system might not understand.

TRS-80 Absolute Object File Format

Before describing the Intel hex/ASCII format, I'll discuss the TRS-80 absolute object file format. This is essential to understanding my conversion program.

I have experience with the formats produced by Radio Shack's EDTASM editor/assembler (running under NEW-DOS/80) and with Radio Shack's Assembly Language Development System (ALDS), which I use on my Model 4P. In



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Photo. The Huntsville Microsystems Z80 emulator.

general, EDTASM and ALDS generate the same format for an executable object file, but ALDS' format is slightly different under certain conditions.

Figure 1 shows the general format for Radio Shack's absolute object files. The first byte is a record header and is always a 1 (01 hex) as long as the file has at least 1 byte of code. The second byte is a count value, indicating the number of data bytes in the record plus the number of address bytes (there are always 2 address bytes). The next 2 bytes indicate

the starting memory address for the object bytes in the current record; the loworder byte is first, followed by the highorder byte. The address bytes are then followed by the specified number of data (object code) bytes, which are to be placed into memory. All values are in binary, not ASCII.

As many of these 01 hex type records follow as is necessary to hold all of the object code bytes. Once all of the bytes have been included in these records, the assembler puts a terminator at the end

	Header byte	Record byte count	Record starting address (low)	Record starting address (high)	Record data (nn – 2 bytes
Record 1	01	បាប	sì	sh	xx xx
	01	nn	sl	sh	xx xx
			•		
			•		
			•		
Record n	01	ប្រ	s!	sh	xx xx
Terminator	02	02	sl	sh	
Record			L		
			_	i starting n address	

Figure 1. TRS-80 absolute object file format. (All values are in hex.)

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of the file. The first byte of the terminator record, the record header, is always a 2 (02 hex), as is the second byte (the record byte count). The final 2 bytes of the record, bytes 3 and 4, are the execution starting address of the program, which can be (and often is) different from the starting address where the object code is loaded into memory. Again, the address bytes are in low-byte/high-byte order.

ALDS modifies this format slightly if you assemble your program absolutely (by specifying the starting address as an operand to the PSECT pseudo-op and avoiding program-linking); it adds one record at the beginning of the file. The record's format is shown in Fig. 2. This is not clearly indicated in the ALDS manual. The record header is a 5 (05 hex) byte. This is followed by a record byte count byte, which is followed by the specified number of data bytes. The program's starting address is, however, in-

cluded in this record (bytes 4 and 5), though it seems redundant, since it is also in the initial data record. You can discard this extra record without losing any information.

A sample Z80 Assembly-language program in Program Listing 1 (from ALDS) is written like an interrupt service routine. It saves the CPU registers by swapping register banks, causes a time delay by counting down a value in the HL register pair, and then restores the registers and enables interrupts before exiting via a Return instruction.

This sample program is 14 bytes long, and specifies the label DELAY as the execution starting location. If you assemble and link the file starting at address 7000 hex, the label DELAY is assigned the value 7002 hex and the absolute object file generated by ALDS looks like that shown in Fig. 3. Note that it is a binary file and all values are given in hex.

	Record	Record information
Reader byte	byte count	(nn bytes)
05	nn	xx xx

Figure 2. ALDS assembler object file record addition for absolutely assembled programs. (All values are in hex—base 16.)

The Intel Hex/ASCII Format

While the TRS-80 format is adequate for many uses, it isn't fiexible enough for general-purpose object files. In particular, it lacks a checksum and a way to easily transfer files. While an internal system checksum verifies the object information as it loads from the disk, there isn't one for transferring files.

When you transfer the object file from one computer to another over an RS-232C serial line, the receiving system probably tries to interpret some of the bytes being received, since many of them are defined as ASCII control characters.

To avoid this problem, the hex/ASCII format contains only printable ASCII characters (except for the carriage return at the end of lines, as mentioned earlier).

As in the TRS-80 object file format, the hex/ASCII format has two basic record types: data records and a terminator record. Figure 4 shows the formats for the hex/ASCII data and terminator records. Note that all characters and object information are now ASCII characters, not binary values shown in hex. Each byte of information in the data record is actually stored as 2 hex/ASCII bytes in memory, in the hex range of zero to 9 and A to F. For example, the bytes 38 90 BA 2C would be stored in memory (or on disk)

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Tandy Corp. ALOS ALASM copr. 1982,83 v.83.82.88 Page 1
Assembly Listing of NEXASCII/SRC:1
                       fl In #
E Addr
          Obi
                                            Source Line
  88881
                          aaaat
                                   EXAMPI.
                                            PSECT
                          00004
                                            LAST NODIFICATION CATE: 99/25/95
                                   7
                          00005
                          89886
                          00007
                                     FILE: HEXASCII/SRC
                          88888
                          00009
                                   AUTHOR: Roger C. Alford
                          88918
                                     MODULE DESCRIPTION:
                          00011
                          00012
                                            This program is merely an example program for the Project 60
                          00013
                                            discussion of Intel Hex/ASCII object code format.
                          00014
                          00015
  9989' D9
                          88816
                                   EXANPL
                                            EXX
                                                                       ISWAP THE MAIN CPU REGISTERS
  0001'
                          99917
                                                     AF, AF
                                                                       SWAP AF TO SAVE IT TEMPORARILY
        08
                                            EX
                                                     RL,1234H
                                            LÖ
                                                                       LOAD TRE DELAY COUNT VALUE INTO NL
  9992' 213412
                          00018
                                   DELAY
                          00019
                                            DEC
                                                                       DECREMENT THE DELAY LOOP COUNT VALUE
                                   LOOP
                                                     HL
                                                                       ; IS THE COUNT VALUE ZERO YET?
  00061
        7C
                          00020
                                            LD
                                                     A, N
  99971
        85
                          88821
                                            OR
        20FB
  0000
                                                     NZ , LOOP
                          00022
                                            JR
                                                                       :IF NOT, LOOP AGAIN
                                                                       RESTORE REGISTERS A AND F
REGISTER THE MAIN CPU REGISTERS
REMABLE 200 MASKABLE INTERRUPTS
                                                     AF.AF'
  88881 09
                          99974
                                            EXX
  888C'
        FB
                          00025
                                            EΙ
                                                                       RETURN FROM THIS SERVICE ROUTINE
  0000'
                          88826
                                            RET
                          00027
                                     END OF SERVICE ROUTINE: EXAMPL
                          папря
                                            ENO
                                                                       START EXECUTION AT LOCATION 'DELAY'
  0002
                          00029
                                                     DELAY
   No Assembly Errors
Time = 0:01
8ytes = 14
Līnes = 27
                       Program Listing 1. Sample Z80 Assembly-language program.
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as 33H 38H 39H 30H 42H 41H 32H 43H.

Notice how 2 bytes are stored in memory for each information byte in the hex/ASCII data record. This is the hex/ASCII format's main disadvantage: It isn't very memory efficient.

The first character in every hex/ASCII record is the colon (:); it has a value of 3A hex and is the start-of-record indicator character. The first byte (two ASCII character)

acters) following the colon indicates the number of data bytes in the record (all values are in hex). The next 2 bytes indicate the starting memory address for the data bytes in that record (high byte first). The fourth byte is the record type indicator, which is always 00 for a data record and 01 for a terminator record.

The object data for the record, if any, follows the record type indicator byte.

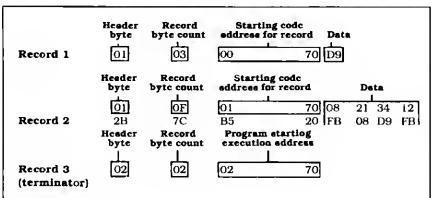


Figure 3. ALDS object file output for Listing 1 program. (All values are in hex—base 16.)

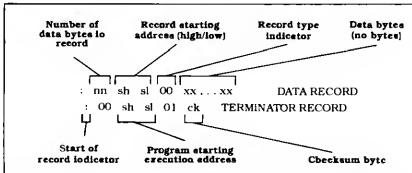


Figure 4. Intel hex/ASCII record formats. (All characters are ASCII. Spaces between record bytes are shown only for clarity and do not exist in the actual records.)

:01700000D9B6

:0D700100082134122B7CB520FB08D9FBC9F7

:007002018D

Figure 5. Hex/ASCII object file printout for program in Program Listing 1.

TRS-80 filespec entered TESTFILE TESTFILE/ TESTFILE/ PROJCT80/: i PROJCT80: 2 MICRO80/ABS MICRO80/ABS: i Conversion program interpretation TESTFILE/CMD:0 TESTFILE:0 PROJCT80: 1 PROJCT80: 1 PROJCT80: 2 MICRO80/ABS: 0 MICRO80/ABS: 1

Figure 6. Interpretation of entered object file filespecs for hex/ASCII conversion program.

Terminator records have no data bytes, but data records should always have at least 1 data byte. A checksum byte follows the data bytes. When all of the bytes in the record are added together, including the checksum byte (ignoring any carries above 8 bits), the result is 00. The checksum totals include only the hex values displayed, not the ASCII numeric values. For example, a data record containing :0100040023 (all characters are ASCII) would have the checksum D8, since 01 + 00 + 04 + 00 + 23 + D8 = 00 (carry ignored).

The resulting final data record is :0100040023D8 (again, with all characters in ASCII).

The terminator record always has a 00 length specification, as mentioned above, since the terminator record includes no data bytes. The address value included in the terminator record specifies the execution starting address for the program.

With the conversion program, you can generate the hex/ASCli object file for the example program in Listing 1 with a printout (Fig. 5).

One final note about the hex/ASCII format. Systems reading in or receiving object information from a hex/ASCII file are supposed to look for the start-of-record character (colon). All characters before the first colon are to be ignored. Thus you can store information in the hex/ASCII object file before the data records. You can use this feature to store the symbol table for the program (with only ASCII characters and no colons, of course), which lets you load the symbol table with the object file for symbolic debugging.

The Conversion Program

The conversion program (Program Listing 2) is in Model 4 Basic. It will run under Model I/III Basics if you change the long variable names to one- or two-character names and change the INSTR functions in lines 40, 100, and 160 to subroutine calls. You can do this by using the assignment SV\$ = ":" or SV\$ = "/" (whichever is appropriate) and calling the subroutine in Program Listing 3. For example, line 40 would become

40 SV\$ = ":":GOSUB 8000:DRVPOS = SV,

You might also need to change line 10030, which returns you to DOS, depending on what DOS you're using.

Lines 5-12 are the comment header and startup message for the program. Lines 13-14 dimension and initialize the HEXVAL\$ array, which holds the 16 hex/ASCII characters in numerical order.

Lines 20–340 acquire the filespec for the TRS-80 object file and determine the filespec of the output hex/ASCII file. You can enter the TRS-80 object filespec in

one of several ways. If you don't include an extension, the default is /CMD. If you include the file name with a "/" suffix, without any extension characters, the program will assume that the file name has no extension. Or you can give the file an extension of your choice. The drive is zero unless you specify otherwise. Figure 6 shows several possible filespecs, along with the actual filespec interpretation by the conversion program.

The hex/ASCII output file has the same filespec as the input file, except that it gets a /HEX extension. You're prompted for the drive number for the hex/ASCII file; press the enter key for the default drive (the same number as the input file) which is in parentheses, or enter the desired drive number.

Lines 400-550 initialize the variables and open the files. The variable TOTAL-BYTECOUNT is the accumulator to count the total number of data (object code) bytes in the file. OBJFILE\$ is the input file and HEXFILE\$ is the output file. The input file is a random-access file with a record length of one, whereas the output file is a sequential file. OBJ-DATA\$ stores the input records.

Lines 560–1340 do most of the file processing. Lines 592–598 cause the extra ALDS record (with the 05 hex header byte) to be ignored, if present. The program converts the remaining object data to hex/ASCII format and writes it to the output file. Lines 2000–2280 generate the terminator record, close the files, and exit through line 10030, which is currently a return to DOS.

The program displays the number of object code bytes, along with the program's starting execution address.

Lines 3000-3040 add the decimal value in DECNUM to the running checksum accumulator, CHKSUM.

The subroutine at lines 4000-4100 converts the decimal (base 10) value in DECNUM to a hex/ASCII character in HEXNUM\$, using the HEXVAL\$ array.

The subroutine at lines 5000-5060 increments the address variables ADDRL and ADDRH, which keep track of the current object byte address for the hex/ASCII file. The subroutine at lines 6000-6100 calculates the checksum byte for the current hex/ASCII record and writes it to the output file.

The subroutine at lines 9000–9020 retrieves the next byte from the input file, and updates the input file record pointer, OBJPTR%. Lines 10000–10020 generate a data read error message and close the files if a data error is detected. ■

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Program Listing 2. Model 4 hex/ASCII conversion program.

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THIS PROGRAM CONVERTS ALDS ABSOLUTE OBJECT FILES TO INTEL HEX/ASCII *
7 ' FORMAT. THE OUTPUT FILENAME IS THE SAME AN THE INPUT FILENAME, BUT 8 'HAS THE EXTENSION "/HEX". +++ CREATED BY Roger C. Alford #8/84/85 +++
10
11 CLS:PRINT "TRS-80 BINARY TO INTEL HEX/ASCII FORMAT CONVERSION PROGRAM"
12 PRINT " by Roger C. Alford Version 1.2 90/25/85":PRINT
13 DIN HEXVALS(16):FOR 1%-8 TO 15:READ HEXVALS(18):NEXT 18
14 DATA "8","1","2","3","4","5","6","7",8","9","A","8","C","D","E","F"
    INPUT "ENTEX OBJECT FILENAME (/CMD) ";OBJFILE$
IF LEN(OBJFILE$)=0 THEN 20
DRVPOS-INSTR(OBJFILE$,":")
IF DRVPOS=0 THEN OBJDRIVE$=":0":GOTO 100 ELSE OBJDRIVE$=NID$(OBJFILE$,DRVPOS,
30
 60 OBJFILE$-LEFT$(OBJFILE$,DRVPOS-1)
100 EXTPOS=INSTR(OBJFILES,"/")
120 IF EXTPOS=0 THEN OBJFILES=OBJFILES+"/CMD":GOTO 160
140 IF EXTPOS=ERK(OBJFILES) THEN OBJFILES=LEPT$(OBJFILE$, EXTPOS-1)
160 EXTPOS=INSTR(OBJFILE$,"/")
160 IF EXTPOS<0 THEN HEXFILES=LEFT$(OBJFILE$, EXTPOS-1) ELSE HEXFILE$=OBJFILE$
200 HEXFILE$=BEXFILE$+"/HEX"
228 OBJFILE$=OBJFILE$+OBJDRIVE$
248 PROMPT$="ENTER DRIVE NUMBER TO STORE HEX FILE ("+RIGHT$(OBJDRIVE$,1)+") *
268 PRINT PROMPTS:
288 INPUT HEXDRIVES
308 IF LEN(HEXDRIVES) = 8 THEN HEXDRIVES=OBJDRIVES:GOTO 348
320 IF LEW(HEXDRIVES)=1 THEN HEXDRIVES**: "+HEXDRIVES ELSE GOTO 260 340 HEXPILES=HEXFILES+HEXDRIVES
400 TOTALBYTECOUNT=0
500 OPEN "R",1,0BJFILE$,1
520 FIELD 1,1 AS OBJDATA$
540 OBJPTR4=1
550 OPEN "O",2,HEXFILE$
 570 OBJRECTYPE=ASC(OBJDATA$)
568 IF OBJRECTYPE<>1 AND OBJRECTYPE<>2 AND OBJRECTYPE<>5 THEN 1866 585 GOSUB 9868
 598 OBJRECLEN=ASC (OBJDATAS) -2
592 IF OBJRECTYPE<>5 THEN 6
594 FOR I%=1 TO OBJRECLEN+2
596 GOSUB 9888:NEXT 1%
598 GOTO 568
688 GOSUB 9888
628 ADDRL-ASC[OBJDATAS]
648 GOSUB 9888
668 ADDRH-ASC(OBJDATA$)
688 IF OBJRECTYPE=2 THEN 2008
1000 TOTALBYTECOUNT-TOTALBYTECOUNT+OBJRECLEN
 1018 IP OBJRECLEN:=16 THEN DATACNT+16 ELSE DATACNT+OBJRECLEN 1028 PRINT #2,":";
 1848 CHKSUM=8
1040 CHKSUM=0
1066 DECNUM=DATACNT:GOSUB 3000:GOSUB 4000
1080 FRINT #2, BEXNUMS;
1100 DECNUM=ADDRM:GOSUB 3000:GOSUB 4000
1120 PRINT #2, BEXNUMS;
1140 DECNUM=ADDRL:GOSUB 3000:GOSUB 4000
1148 DECNUM-ADDRI:GUSUB 3888:GUSUB 4888
1169 PRINT 42, MERNUMS;
1188 PRINT 42, *89*;
1288 FOR I=1 TO DATACNT
1228 GOSUB 9888:OBJRECLEM-OBJRECLEN-1
1248 DECNUM-ASSC(OBJDATA$):GOSUB 3888:GOSUB 4888
 1268 PRINT 02, HEXNUMS;
1288 GOSUB 5888
 1398 NEXT I
           GOSUB 6888
1349 IF OBJRECLEN<>0 THEN 1010 ELSE 560
 2000 PRINT #2,": HO";
 2020 CHRSUM-0
2040 DECNUM-ADDRH:GOSUB 3000:GOSUB 4000
 2060 ADDRHS-HEXNURS
2080 PRINT $2,BEXNUMS;
 2188 DECNUM-ADDRL:GOSUB 3888:GOSUB 4888
2120 ADDRLS-BEXNUMS;
2140 PRINT $2,BEXNUMS;
2160 PRINT $2,"81";
2170 DECNUM-1:GOSUB 3800
 2186 GOSUB 6898
 2200 CLOSE
 2228 PRINT:PRINT "THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PROGRAM BYTES IS: ":TOTALBYTECOUNT
 2240 PRINT "THE EXECUTION STARTING ADDRESS IS: "; 2268 PRINT ADDRES; ADDR. S;" (HEX)":PRINT
 2288 GOTO 18838
 3988
 3010 ' THIS SUBROUTINE ADDS THE "DECNUM" VALUE TO "CHKSUM" 3020 CHRSUM-CBKSUM+DECNUM
 3040 RETURN
 4010 'CONVERT DECNUM (BASE 10) TO HEXNUMS (BASE 16)
4028 IF DECNUM>255 THEN PRINT "***** DECNUM ERROR *******:CLOSE:GOTO 18038
4040 LONYBBLE-DECNUM AND 15
4060 HINYBBLE*(DECNUM AND 240)/16
4060 HINYBBLE*(DECNUM AND 240)/16
4060 HEXNUMS=HEXVALS(HINYBBLE)+KEXVALS(LONTBBLE)
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Listing 2 continued

Listing 2 continued ' UPDATE "ADDRL" AND "ADDRE" ADDRESS COUNTERS 5020 ADDRL-ADDRL+1 5848 IF ADDRL-256 THEN ADDRL-8:ADDRH-ADDRH+1 5868 RETURN 6818 ' CALCULATE LINE CHECKSUM AND WRITE TO HEX FILE 6828 CHRSUM-CHESUM AND 255 6848 IF CERSUM-8 THEN DECNUM-8 ELSE DECNUM-256-CHRSUM 6868 GOSUB 4888 6886 PRINT \$2, BEXNUMS 6100 RETURN 9005 ' GET NEXT RECORD (BYTE) FROM OBJECT FILE 9010 GET 1,0BJPTR%:OBJPTR%-DBJPTR%+1 9828 RETURN 18885 ' COME HERE FOR DATA READ ERRORS 18818 PRINT:FRINT "**** DATA READ ERROR ***** 18838 SYSTEM 18848 END

Program Listing 3. Subroutine for Model I/III Basics.

8888 'THIS SUBROUTINE SIMULATES THE "INSTA" FUNCTION 8818 SV-B 8838 FOR 14-LEN(OBJFILE\$) TO 1 STEP -1 8848 IP RIDS(OBJFILE\$,1%,1)=SV\$ THEN SV-I% 8858 NEXT 14 8668 RETURN

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Bringing GW-Basic Up to Speed

hen 80 Micro techie Beve Woodbury converted one of this month's graphics programs (Sinewave, "Window Screens," p. 58, Program Listing 1 and Photo 1) from Model 4 BasicG to Model 1000 GW-Basic, she witnessed a profound drop in speed. The 1000's Basic interpreter, like a bureaucracy, is large, complex, and sl-o-o-w. So I wrote the machine-language subroutine in Program Listing 1 that speeds things up. Sinewave (Program Listing 2) still won't move on the 1000 like it does on the 4, but at least it's in color.

My explorations led me to three areas I'd like to discuss: using the Call statement, memory-mapping graphics, and using Debug with Basic.

The Sinewave program displays a series of overlapping framed windows (via the View statement) that rise and fall sinusoidally and give you the illusion of three dimensions. The chief laggard is the window-clearing operation. The machine-language subroutine clears them instantly, using the X and Y coordinates of the upper left- and lower right-hand window corners passed as integer variables in the Call statement. (If you want to see how sluggish Model 1000 Basic graphics really are, replace the Call statement in line 110 of Listing 2 with a simple CLS.)

The program runs on a 128K Tandy 1000 even though graphics mode 6 (640 columns by 200 rows, four colors) takes 32K. This mode limits it to the 1000 and PCjr. You can modify Sinewave's machine-language section to run in screen mode 2 on an IBM or 1200.

Basic Points

Here's how the Model 1000 version of Sinewave works. The Clear statement in line 10 limits Basic data space to 8,192 bytes (2000 hexadecimal [hex]), enough for this small program. Clear also sets

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Model 1000 128K RAM GW-Basic



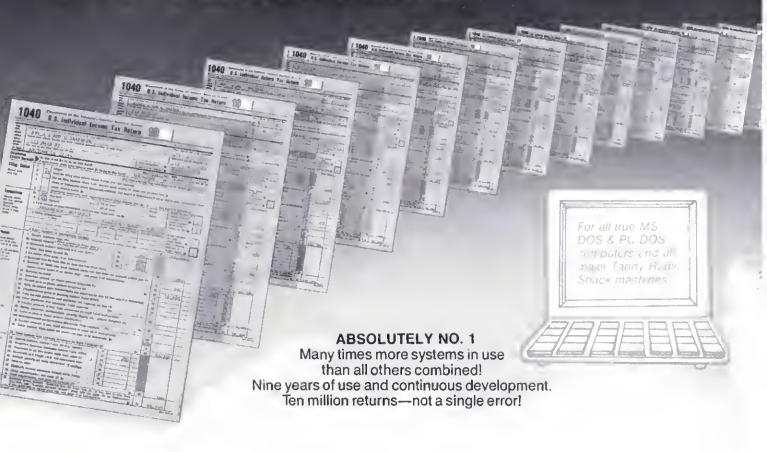
Program Listing 2. Assembly-language source code for Sinewave subroutine.

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10 CLEAR ,&H2000,,327681 : SCREEN 0 : KEY ON : KEY OFF
15 SCREEN 6 : DEFINT I-N : I=&H2000
20 FOR J=I TO I+230 : READ K : POKE J,K :NEXT J
30 C=55 'the lower the number, the flatter the wave
40 J=0:Z1=5:Z2=.9:A=1:B=12
50 FOR X=A TO 8 STEP .15
60 X1=20*X:Y=SIN(X):Y1=119-C*(Y+1)
70 IF C<0 THEN PRINT "TROUBLE C<0":END
80 IF J>0 THEN C=C-.04
90 IF J>0 THEN X1=X1+2:Y1=Y1-.01
100 IF X1<0 THEN X1=X1+2:Y1=Y1-.01
110 VIEW(X1,Y1)-(X1+Z1,Y1+Z1),1:CALL I(IX1,IY1,IX2,IY2)
120 Z1=Z1+Z2:NEXT
130 Z2=-Z2:J=J+1
140 IF J=2 THEN 160
150 A=12:B=23:GOTO 50
160 IF INKEY$="" THEN 160
1000 DATA 2,32,170,0,139,118,10,184,199,0,232,161
1030 DATA 0,139,118,8,184,127,2,232,152,0,139,118
1040 DATA 6,124,199,0,232,143,0,161,2,32,186,0
1050 DATA 6,52,32,155,0,163,10,32,137,22,2,32,161
1060 DATA 6,32,186,127,0,232,139,0,137,22,6,32
1070 DATA 47,225,80,138,195,177,160,246,225,91,3,195
1100 DATA 139,216,161,8,32,243,6,4,32,124,62,64
1110 DATA 139,200,184,0,184,142,192,252,139,251,3,62
1120 DATA 139,220,184,0,184,142,192,252,139,251,3,62
1120 DATA 10,32,362,10,32,161,2,32,38,33,5
1130 DATA 17,71,81,139,206,184,0,0,243,171,09,161
1140 DATA 203,78,33,5,129,195,0,32,137,22,6,32
1150 DATA 203,78,33,5,129,195,0,32,129,255,63
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1150 DATA 127,118,8,129,235,0,128,129,195,160,0,226
1160 DATA 203,78,33,5,129,195,0,32,131,250,0,125
1170 DATA 318,00,0,99,208,126,2,2,39,205,137,21
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Program Listing 1. Sinewave Basic program for the Tandy 1000.

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WINDOW clears a rectangular area of the screen (to background) in Basic screen mode 6 (high res, 4 colors). The x and y coordinates of the upper-left and lower-right corners are
  passed in the Call statement (IX1%, IY1%, IX2%, IY2%).
code segment
window
     w proc far
public win
                 window
      assume
                 cs:code, ds:code
      org 2000H
                             start at 2000 Hex within Basic's space
start:
           short pastdata
     jmp
  data
хl
y1
x2
                 ?
            đ٧
            dw
            ďw
leftedge
past data:
     push bp
                       ;save Basic's BP, then use it to ;point to passed variables on stack
          bp,sp
      push es
                       ;segment registers must be restored
; get variables from stack, check bounds, and store
     mov di, offset xl
mov si, [bp+12]
                             ;bx points to location of xl storage
                             ;location of xl on stack
            ax,639
      mov
      call bounds
      mov si,[bp+10]
                             :locstion of vl
            ax,199
      call bounds
      mov si,[bp+8]
                             ;location of x2
      MOV
            ax,639
      call bounds
      mov si,[bp+6]
                             ;location of y2
      ROV
            ax,199
      call bounds
; determine left and right byte masks, store word position within
; line and count for columns in row (-2)
      mov ax,xl
                             ;get left margin for division
                             ;premask for left edge
           dx,0ff00H
      DOV
      call wmask
                             ;determines mask word
;number of word within line (0-79)
           leftedge,ax
      DOV
            xl,dx
                             store mask in xl
      MOV
      nov
                             get right margin for division
            ax,x2
      MOV
            dx,007fH
                             premask for right edge
      call
           wmask
            x2,dx
                             store mask in x2
      MOV
      sub
            ex,leftedge
                             subtract left word from right
      11
            leave
                             ;if x1>x2 then get out
      dec
                             ;fudge
           аx
      mov
           si, ax
                             ;ai stores col. count
  determine memory location of first row (in section 1,2,3 or 4) and
; number or rows
      mov
           ax,yl
                             get top y dimension
      MOV
            c1,4
      div
            C1
      mov
           bx,ax
                             stemporary storage of results
            al, ah
      che
                             ;ax has word remainder
      BOV
            CX.2000H
      mu1
            CX
                             ;ax has video block memory location
      pusb ax
                             :save it
      mov
            al,bl
                             quotient in al
      mov
            c1,160
                             sax has offset in video block
      mul
            cl
            bx
                             put vid block addr in bx
      pop
      add
            ax,bx
                             ;ax has start video line address
      MOV
            bx,ax
                              ;keep in di
      MOV
            ax,y2
                             get lower bound
      sub
            ax.vl
                             ;subtract upper bound
;if yl>y2 then abort mission
            leave
      inc
                              fudge
      mov
            CX, Ax
                              juse number of lines as count
; point ES to video memory (BBSOH) and set up loop parameters mov ax,0B000H ;start of video memory
                              ;es points to it
      cld
                              ;inner loop (string move) increments
loop1:
                             jouter loop - set row; do left edge
                                                                   Listing 2 continued
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aside the 32.768 bytes of high RAM needed for one screen of high-resolution, four-color graphics. Above Basic's reduced work area, and below the overgrown video RAM, is room for the machine-code subroutine, even with a 128K 1000. Changing from screen mode zero to 6 clears the screen rapidly. Walting for the screen to clear in mode 6 induces sleep.

The DEFINT statement in line 15 and the variable assignments in line 105 ensure that the subroutine receives the window corner coordinates as integers (much easier to deal with). Line 20 POKEs the 231 bytes of 8088 machine code (lines 1000-1190) into memory, starting at offset 2000 hex in Basic's data area (protected by the Clear statement). The Call statement (line 110) sends execution to that memory offset, stored in variable 1, and pushes the locations of the four passed variables onto the stack. The Call offset must be a variable. The subroutine replaces the sluggish CLS statement.

You can use two methods to reserve memory for machine-language subroutines in Basic. You can use the /M: parameter to make space for your subroutine above Basic. It's invoked when loading Basic, and controls the size of Basic's data area-the default is the maximum of 64K. Or you can use the Clear statement to reserve space within Basic's data area. There's an important difference; a machine-language subroutine loaded above Basic isn't protected from a "child" process called by the Basic Shell command. If you use Sheil to load Debug above Basic, it'll load over any code Basic has put there. Use both if you want to shrink Basic's work space and protect your subroutine from a child

Subroutine Source

I used the Tandy 2000 version of MASM to assemble the source code on my 1000 and the MS-DOS linker to create an EXE file. Use the MASM assembly listing to get the actual code for the Basic Data statements. You can list it in hex format, e.g., &HFF. I converted hex to decimal for easier typing.

When accessed by a Basic Call, your subroutine should first set up the BP register to point to the passed variable locations on the stack. The Basic manual explains this process. Remember that the values stored on the stack are not the variables themselves, but their offset in Basic's data segment. The locations are on the stack last in/first out, but above the 4-byte return address and the 2-byte BP register you've pushed onto the stack. The far return that ends the subroutine must throw off the number of

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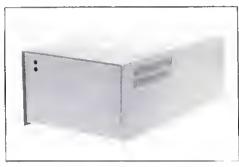
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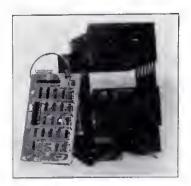
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             di,bx
                              ;start of row
        add
             di,leftedge
                              start in row in words, but
        add
             di,leftedge
                              must be in bytes
                              ;get leftmask
        mov
             ax,xl
        and
             es:[di],ax
                              ido left edge of row
             di
                              point to next column
        inc
             di
                              which is next word
   ; inner loop - print row (center bytes if any)
                              ;save outer loop counter
                              number of inner columns; things will be black
        mov cx,si
        MOV
            ax, B
                              shove those words
        stosw
   rep
                              recover outer loop counter
        pop
   ; display right byte (leave outside of rectangle untouched)
                              get right mask
        mov
             ax,x2
             es:[di].ax
                              do right edge
   ; adjust for next row
             bx,2000H
                              ;point to next video block
        add
              bx,7f3fH
                              ris it above video memory
         cmp
                              ; if not then cont.
         jbe
              continue
        sub
             bx,8000H
                              ; if yes then put it in lower block
        add
             bx.160
                              and point to next row
   continue:
        loop loopl
   leave:
                         restore registers for Basic
        pop
              es
        pop
ret
              bp
                         :discard 4 passed words and return (far)
   window
              endo
   ; near subroutine to check bounds of passed variable and store it
              proc near dx,[si]
   bounds
                              ;si points to Basic variable
        mov
                              ;is variable greater than 07
         cmp
              dx, B
              pos
dx.0
         jge
                              ; if not, than make it 0
        BOY
   pos: cmp
                              :does variable exceed limit?
              dx.ax
         ile
              less
                              ; if greater than set at limit
        MOV
              dx,ax
   less:
        mov
              [di],dx
                              store variable
                              spoint to next storage area
         inc
              di
              di
         inc
   bounds
              endp
   ; near subroutine to determine mask word for left or right edge
                              premask in dx, x-coord, in ax
   wmask
              proc near
        mov
              b1.0
         div
              bl
                               ;divide x-coord. by 8
         mov
              cl,ah
                               ;put remainder in counter
         cbw
                               ;ax has quotient (word in line)
;right byte of ax is mask
              dx,cl
         shr
                               both bytes of mask are the same
         mov
              dh.dl
   wmask
              endo
   code ends
         end
              start
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bytes used to pass the variable locations—RET 8 in this case—or your computer will hang up.

Storing data in the subroutine code, as I have, creates complications. The machine-language instructions are all position-independent; the data is not. The ORG 2000H directive provides that data offsets correspond to where they're POKEd in Basic's data segment (starting at 2000 hex). When the machine code requests the word stored at offset 2002 hex, it'll be there.

I also put DS in the Assume directive so the assembler doesn't add a CS: prefix to every data reference because an extra byte for each reference adds up. The first Jump instruction (past the datal just makes it easier to call the subroutine; the first instruction is the entry point. I could have put the data at the end.

The interfacing approach I took, storing the subroutine in Basic's data area, is the most flexible when you want to run a program on differently configured machines. Because the subroutine's loaded relative to Basic's data area, it isn't set at any specific memory location. If you use only one memory configuration, and know where Basic loads (see below), you can put your code at a specific memory

location above Basic by POKEing data in a loop, or by BLOADing a binary file. In either case, you must first change the CS register (with DEF SEG) to point to the desired memory location. Remember that the value in a DEF SEG statement is a segment address, i.e., the actual address divided by 16.

If you load your subroutine at a set address, and have a data area in your subroutine, you can usually save some bytes by using DS to reference the data locations. As in Listing 1, include DS in the Assume directive so the assembler doesn't add a CS; override to each reference. Because you're not using Basic's data area in this case, you must load the DS register with the contents of CS (after saving DS, of course). But remember that the variable location offsets passed in the stack are in Basic's data segment. You can use an ES override preflx to get these values after loading ES with the Basic data segment. You must restore all segment registers other than CS before return.

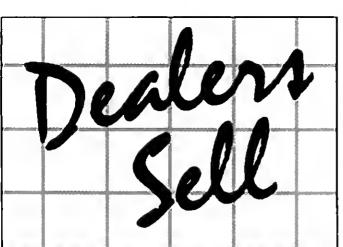
Beware of the Tandy 1000 Basic manual on this point. It's sprinkled with statements that DEF SEG alters the DS register. This just isn't true; only the CS register changes. If you disregard this rather fundamental error and consult the IBM manual, the Tandy manual is quite helpful.

Memory Mapped

I used direct video memory addressing to clear the desired screen area. BIOS calls that set pixels, though easier to code, aren't fast enough. The screen modes and addressing are exactly like the PCjr's. Location of video memory in RAM depends on memory size, but you can always address it through a 32K window beginning at memory location B8000 hex (segment B800). You pay no time penalty for addressing video memory through this window, and it's always at the same location. I used the String Store command (STOSW) to move zeros quickly to areas of video memory, blacking them out. Therefore, I set the destination segment register (ES) to B800 hex, the video window.

I chose the most complicated graphics mode to get high-resolution and color, too. It takes 2 bits per pixel to code for four colors, but the two pixels are in different bytes of video RAM. Every 2 consecutive bytes code for eight pixels with corresponding bits in the 2 bytes coding the color of one pixel.

If the left-most bit (7) of hex bytes B800:0000 and 0001 is set, the pixel in the upper left screen corner is white (default palette). If both bits are zero, the upper left pixel is black. Combinations of set and unset bits produce cyan and magenta pixels. Bit 6 of those 2 bytes codes for the next pixel in the top row.



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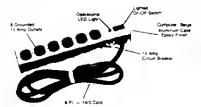
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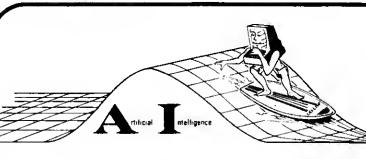
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PRINT HEX\$(PEEK(&H04A6)); HEX\$(PEEK (&H04A5))

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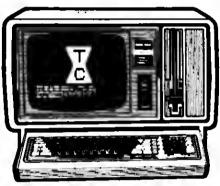
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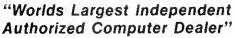
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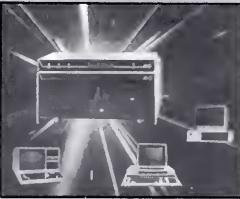


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"But boss, what if the wagon's late?" asked one of the less dim-witted ones.

"Then we'll get some vittles, too, and pull the holdup at 1:30. If the wagon ain't here by then, we'll wait in the shade."

Mutters of approval. Break for a commercial,

I was charmed by this exchange, for it was a perfect example of an lf... Then proposition in Basic. You could write a simple Basic listing to simulate the events of the gang's plan.

The Decision-Maker

In Basic, you use If, . . Then tests to trigger new events if current events fulfill stated conditions. This test opens nearly infinite possibilities: If a specified Basic event occurs, then you can do anything else of which Basic is capable. And I mean anything!

Let's start small:

100 CLEAR: CLS 110 FOR X = 1 to 10 120 PRINT X 130 IF X = 5 THEN ENO 140 NEXT X 150 END

The key to this program lies in line 130. If X has attained a value of 5, then the program ends. You could change line 130 to anything else in Basic:

IF X = 1 THEN A\$ = "IT'S I P.M.; IF X = 3 THEN Y = 2:

IF X > 1 THEN GOSUB 1000

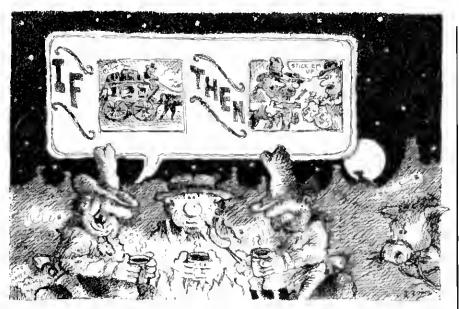
IF X < >5 THEN PRINT "X IS NOT EQUAL TO 5"

IF X = Y THEN A\$ = A\$ + STR\$(Y)

The If statement tests any Basic event, and the Then statement fosters any Basic event:

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IF A\$ = "APPLESAUCE" THEN PRINT "I WANTEO ICE CREAM."

IF Z\$ = "Y" THEN MERGE "CUSTER/BAS" IF L = 1 THEN PRINT "I'M SORRY. THAT IS WRONG."

IF INKEY\$ < >" "THEN PRINT "HEY, I TOLD YOU NOT TO TOUCH THAT KEYBOARD!"

You should realize that when program values fulfill an If test, everything requested past the Then will happen. Should conditions not meet the test, Basic ignores the Then events. This exemplifies a common If. . Then programming mistake: making essential program code dependent on the If test. Here's an example:

100 CLEAR: CLS 110 FOR X = 1 TO 5 120 PRINT X 130 IF X > 3 THEN PRINT X"IS MORE THAN 3": NEXT X 140 END

The intent of this program is to go through a For. . . Next loop from 1 to 5, each time printing the value of X and noting when the value exceeds 3. It won't work because the NEXT X happens only if X is more than 3, and the incorrect If. . . Then test thwarts that possibility. To fix it, remove the NEXT X from the end of line 130 and give it its own line: 135 NEXT X.

Any time you get crazy results with an lf. . . Then test, check whether you've in-

cluded some event fundamental to program flow in the reaim of Then events. And remember that everything past the Then statement occurs only when program conditions meet the lf test.

Multiple Events

So far, I've covered one-element If tests. An If test can also stipulate multiple events, all of which must be met for the program to execute the event:

1F X = 1 AND Y = 2 ANO B\$ = "ZINGER" THEN PRINT "YOU WIN.": END

An lf test can trigger a Then result if a program meets either of two or any of many tests:

IF X = 1 OR Y < = 30 OR G\$ = "GOLLY" THEN PRINT "TEST MET."

You can combine these two forms:

IF X = 1 AND Y = 2 OR Z = 3 THEN PRINT "OK"

In this example, Basic prints "OK" if Z equals 3. It also prints "OK" if X equals 1 and Y equals 2. Consider another form of the If. . .Then test:

IF X = 1 OR Y = 2 AND Z = 3 THEN PRINT "OK" In this example, Basic prints "OK" if X equals 1 or if Y equals 2 and Z equals 3. To understand these concepts better, think of the Or statement as a wall between possibilities, and the And statement as a bridge.

Program Listing 1. Factors.

```
188 REM * PACTORS

118 CLEAR: CLS

128 POR X=1 TO 25

138 PRIBT *PSCTORS OF X

148 POR Y=1 TO X

158 IP X/Y=INT(X/Y) THEN PRINT Y;

168 NEXT Y: PRINT

179 PRINT *TAP A KEY TO CONTINUE*

188 X$=INKEYS

198 IP X$=" THEN 188

288 CLS: NEXT X: END

228 CLEAR: CLS

End
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Program Listing 2. Heads-Tails.

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188 REN * Hesds-Talls

118 CLEAR: CLS

128 A-RND(2)

138 IP A-1 THEN H-H+1: GOTO 128

148 IP H>K THEN S-H: PRINT S

158 H-9: GOTO 128

168 END
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You can put a series of if. . Then tests on one program line. Any time the programs fails to meet a test, it falls through to the next line for further instructions. As long as a program meets conditions of the tests, it gives Then results and makes subsequent If tests.

Here's an example:

IF X = 1 THEN PRINT "YES": IF Y = 1 THEN PRINT "S1": IF Z = 1 THEN PRINT "JA"

The program won't test for Z unless X and Y both equal 1. It won't test for Y unless X is 1. And nothing happens if X doesn't equal 1. You'll find cases in which it's useful to isolate fall-through tests such as these on the same line.

Putting If. . . Then to Work

One of the best uses of an If... Then test is in working with factors, numbers evenly divisible into larger ones. Program Listing 1, Factors, uses If... Then to test and print factors for the numbers 1-25. The crucial test occurs in line 150. In another If... Then test, line 190 keeps the current results on-screen until you tsp any key to continue.

Factors represents an example of letting a computer do the drudge work while you relax. You could amend it to print out the factors for the numbers from i to as high as the computer accepts. And I hope it suggests some possibilities for problem-solving and answer-finding using programs that automatically seek, sift, save, compare, contrast, and so on.

Program Listing 2, Heads-Tails, uses two If... Then tests. Line 120 simulates the flip of a coin. In line 130, if A equals 1, the program accepts it as heads and increments the heads total (variable H) by 1. I wrote this line to accept only con-

Program Listing 3. Alphabytes.

```
188 REM * Alphabytes *
118 CLEAR: CLS
128 FOR X=1 TO 2
138 INPUT "Type s word and press Entsr"; A$(X)
148 NEXT X
158 IP A$(1)<A$(2) THEN PRINT A$(1); ELSE PRINT A$(2);
178 PRINT " le slphabetically first"
188 END
```

secutive occurrences of heads. If you get a tail, line 140 tests whether you set a record for a consecutive run of heads and, if so, assigns a new high score to variable S. When you run this program, it's unlikely you'll get more than seven or eight straight occurrences of heads, unless you let the program run a long time.

A Matter of Relations

I was amazed when I realized that programmers write most if. . Then tests with just a few relational operators. They are equal to (=), less than (<), and greater than (>). In combining these we come up with not equal to (<> or ><), less than or equal to (=< or <=), and more than or equal to (>= or =>).

You can use these symbols to test numbers and strings. You probably have a good command of number tests, but consider how you can use string tests. An alphabetical sort program works by comparing the ASCII values of character strings. Try Program Listing 3. Alphabytes. (A true sort program is more complex than Alphabytes; it passes through a list of words many times, swapping values until the list is in order.)

End

An If. . Then test that also includes the Basic command Else gives you a way for either of two Then events to occur one when the program meets the if test, the other when it doesn't:

IF X = 1 THEN PRINT "YES" ELSE PRINT "NO"

You can also obtain multiple Else results: IF X = 1 THEN PRINT "ONE" ELSE IF X = 2 THEN PRINT "TWO" ELSE IF X = 3 THEN PRINT "THREE" ■

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Putting the Squeeze On Model 4 Programs

Many books and articles have spread the common misconception that Basic is a purely interpretive language. According to this point of view, Basic Interprets program code as it executes each line.

Basic is indeed interpretive, but what it interprets while it executes a program or a direct command looks nothing like the code you write. As you type in each line of a program, Basic transforms it and, in a sense, precompiles it so that the computer can execute the line more quickly.

If you use Model I (Level II) or Model III Basic, either cassette- or disk-based, the computer translates the key words in each line into one of 128 possible tokens as soon as you press the enter key. This tokenizing scheme lets Basic execute a program relatively quickly because it already knows the commands in each line and doesn't have to look each one up in a table. Model I/III Basic represents each token within Basic as a single value between 80 and OFF hexadecimal (hex).

Model 4 Basic uses more than 128 key words, and therefore needs to extend this translation scheme somewhat. Pages A-82 and A-83 in the TRSDOS 6.2 manual show all the key words in Model 4 Basic and the tokens, or internal codes, for each. Basic internally represents those tokens with values above 65000 as a byte of OFF hex, which signals an extended-code key word, plus another byte specific to that key word or command.

You never notice the time Basic takes to translate the line you type tuto an internal, tokenized line of code because you type slowly by a computer's standards. When you do notice a pause after entering or editing a line, it's not because of interpretation but because Basic moves around program lines in memory. However, if Basic had to decipher



System Requirements

Model 4
Diak Basic 01.01.00
Assembly language
Editor/assembler



each command in each program line during execution, your programs would run much more slowly than they do.

Basic Differences

Model I/III Basic translates each key word into a token and leaves the rest of the program line unchanged. Basic's execution, or run-time, module must then do the rest of the necessary interpretations every time it executes each line.

Model 4 Basic operates differently. Not only does it translate all key words into tokens when you enter a line, it also translates all numeric values into Basic's internal format. Model I/III Basic recognizes four types of numbers: line numbers (zero to 65529), integers (-32768 to 32767), and single- and double-precision floating-point numbers. However, Basic holds all numbers in their literal. ASCII format inside program lines and translates them into an internal form during execution.

Model 4 Basic changes all numbers to an internal format at the same time it tokenizes each line; that is, when you enter the line. It recognizes nine types of numbers and uses a separate internal form for each. Except for one-character values (zero to nine) and numbers in data statements. Model 4 Basic adds a prefix to each numeric value to show what type of number it is (see the Table).

Model 4 programs seem to list more slowly than their Model Ifi counterparts partly because Basic must translate all numbers from their internal representations back to their external ASCII form.

Because Model 4 Basic translates numbers into and out of internal format, a line sometimes appears to have changed after you enter it. For example, the line:

10 A = &HOOOF: B = 12.0

will list as:

10 A = &HF : B = 12!

Basic hasn't changed either value, but the ASCII representation of each is different. The exclamation point at the end of the line shows that Basic interprets that 12 as a single-precision floatingpoint number rather than as an integer.

Model i/III Basic recognizes only the first two characters of a variable name as significant. Model 4 Basic recognizes the first 40 characters of the name as significant so that, for example, it sees PRICE and PROFIT as different variables. It also lets you include key words in variable names. A variable named FORM would be impossible in Model I/III Basic since it contains the key words FOR and OR; it is perfectly acceptable in Model 4 Basic.

To distinguish between true key words and key words accidentally included in

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NAME	DESCRIPTION
I RULE78	Interest Apportionment by Rule of the 78's
2 ANNUI	Annuity computation program
3 DATE	Time between dates
4 DAYYEAR	Day of year a particular date falls on
5 LEASEINT	Interest rate on lease
6 BREAKEVN	Breakeven analysis
7 DEPRSL	Straightline depreciation
8 DEPRSY	Sum of the digits depreciation
9 DEPROB	Declining balance depreciation
10 DEPROOB	Double declining balance depreciation
11 TAXDEP	Cash flow vs. depreciation tables
12 CHECK2	Prints RAPIDFORMS checks along with daily register
13 CHECKBK1	Checkbook maintenance program
14 MORTGAGE/A	Mortgage amortization table
15 MULTMON	Computes time needed for money to double, triple, etc.
16 SALVAGE	Determines salvage value of an investment
17 RRVARIN	Rate of return on investment with variable inflows
18 RRCONST	Rate of return on investment with constant inflows
19 EFFECT	Effective interest rate of a loan
20 FVAL	Future value of an investment (compound interest)
21 PVAL	Present value of a future amount
22 LOANPAY	Amount of payment on a loan
23 RECWITH	Equal withdrawals from investment to leave 0 over
24 SIMPDISK	Simple discount analysis
25 DATEVAL	Equivalent & nonequivalent dated values for obliq
26 ANNUDEF	Present value of deferred annuaties
27 MARKUP	Markup analysis for items
28 SINKFUND	Sinking fund amortization program
29 BONDVAL	Value of a bond
30 DEPLETE	Depletion analysis
31 BLACKSH	Black Scholes options analysis
32 STOCVAL1	Expected return on stock via discounts dividends
33 WARVAL	Value of a warrant
34 BONDVAL2	Value of a bond
35 EPSEST	Estimate of future earnings per share for company
36 BETAALPH	Computes alpha and beta vanables for stock
37 SHARPET	Portfolio selection model i.e. what stocks to hold
38 OPTWRITE	Option writing computations
39 RTVAL	Value of a right
40 EXPVAL	Expected value analysis
41 BAYES	Bayesian decisions
42 VALPRINE	Value of perfect information
43 VALADINE	Value of additional information
44 UTILITY	Derives utility function
45 SIMPLEX	Linear programming solution by simplex method
46 TRANS	Transportation method for linear programming
47 EOQ	Economic order quantity inventory model
48 QUEUE1	Single server queueing (waiting line) model
49 CVP	Cost-volume-profit analysis
50 CONDPROF	Conditional profit tables
SU COMPRO	Concusorial profit values

Opportunity loss tables

Fixed quantity economic order quantity model

As above but with shortages permitted

Cost-benefit waiting line analysis

Profitability index of a project

As above but with quantity price breaks

Cap. Asset Pr. Model analysis of project

Net cash-flow analysis for simple investment

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54 FOEOOPB

55 QUEUECB

56 NCFANAL

57 PROFIND

58 CAPI

52 FOUOQ

60 COMPBAL	True rate on loan with compensating bal, required
61 DISCBAL	True rate on discounted loan
62 MERGANAL	Merger analysis computations
63 FINRAT	Financial ratios for a firm
64 NPV	Net present value of project
65 PRINDLAS	Laspeyres price index
66 PRINDPA	Paasche price index
67 SEASIND	Constructs seasonal quantity indices for company
68 TIMETR	Time series analysis linear trend
69 TIMEMOV	Time series analysis moving average trend
70 FUPRINE	Future price estimation with inflation
71 MAILPAC	Mailing list system
72 LETWRT	Letter writing system-links with MAILPAC
73 SORT3	Sorts list of names
74 LABEL1	Shipping label maker
75 LABEL2	Name label maker
76 BUSBUD	DOME business bookkeeping system
77 TIMECLCK	Computes weeks total hours from timeclock info
78 ACCTPAY	In memory accounts payable system-storage permitted
79 INVOICE	Generate invoice on screen and print on printer
80 INVENTS	In memory inventory control system
81 TELDIR	Computerized telephone directory
82 TIMUSAN	Time use analysis
83 ASSIGN	Use of assignment algorithm for optimal job assign.
84 ACCTREC	In memory accounts receivable system-storage ok
85 TERMSPAY	Compares 3 methods of repayment of loans
86 PAYNET	Computes gross pay required for given net
87 SELLPR	Computes selling price for given after tax amount
88 ARBCOMP	Arbitrage computations
89 DEPRSF	Sinking fund depreciation
90 UPSZONE	Finds UPS zones from zip code
91 ENVELOPE	Types envelope including return address
92 AUTOEXP	Automobile expense analysis
93 INSFILE	Insurance policy file
94 PAYROLL2	in memory payroll system
95 DILANAL	Dilution analysis
96 LOANAFFD	Loan amount a borrower can afford
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Token	Meaning	Internal Form	ASCII Example
OA hex	(Line feed)		
OB hex	Octal number	OB un na	\$01234
OC hex	Hex number	OC nn nn	&H1234
OD hex	(Carriage return)		
OE hex	Line number	OE na na	GOTO 1234
OF hex	Single byte (10-255)	OF nn	123
10 hex	(Apparently unused)		
11 hex	= -	11	0
12 hex		12	1
			•
19 hex		19	8
1A hex		1A	9
1B bex	(Apparently unused)		
	2-byte iuteger	IC un na	1234
1D hex		1D nn nn nn nu	1234.5
1E hex	(Apparently unused)		
1F hex	8-byte double-precision floating point	1F an an an na nn na an na	1234.5#
20 hex	(ASCII space)		

Negative numbers use the same representation but are prefixed with the token for a minus sign, OF4 hex.

Numbers to Data statements are stored unchanged in their original ASCII format.

Table. Model 4 Basic's internal representation of numeric values.

Program Listing. Squeeze filter. Utility to SQUEEZE all unneeded spaces from a BASIC program in memory. Also removes remarks and linefeed characters. Does not 00110 00120 00130 00140 ; 00150 ; alter literal strings. 00168 For BASIC 01,01.00 only! Tested with TRSDOS 6.2 (see text) 00170 00100 :-88198 : 88208 ; SVC 80218 @DSPLY SVCs used: EQU BAH 80228 @CHNIO 80230 @EXIT EQU EQU 1 4H 88248 EGTMOD 88258 BHEXDEC EQU 53H EQU 61H 80260 PHIGHS EOU 648 00270 erLAGS 98289 00290 ; Other constants (see text): 00300 ; 00310 PRG_TBL 00320 VAR_TBL 00330 ARR_TBL ΕQU 71A5B j==> Basic'a program table ==> variable table EQU 719FH j==> array table ;==> free space EQU 00340 FRE_SPC 80350 ; EQU 71A3H EQU ØBH Octal number token 88368 OCT Hex number token Line number token 88378 HEX **OCH** BER 00309 LINE EOU 88399 BYTE 88488 INTEGER Byte value token EQU BFH :Integer value token EQU 1CH 88418 SINGLE 88428 DOUBLE EQU EQU 101 ¡Single-prec. value token ¡Double-prec. value token 1 P H 00430 88448 LF EQU BAH Linefeed characte Carriage return character |Space character |REM token 89458 CR 88468 SPACE EQU SDH 20 H 88478 REMARK 88488 EXTEND EOU 9FB EQU **OFFH** :Extended command token 00490 ; 00500 SIGNAL 8F3H :<clear><Shift><S> 00510 ; Macro instructions 88538 88548 SVC # NUM This is pre-defined in ALDS MACRO A,#NUM 20H 00550 LD RST ENDM 88578

variable names. Model 4 Basic requires that you separate each key word and variable with some type of delimiter. You can use any character not allowed in a variable name—including a space, a comma, a parenthesis, an equals sign, and the math and relational operators—as a delimiter. The result is that Model 4 Basic programs tend to contain many more spaces than Model Ill programs.

I almost always use extra spaces, tabs, line feeds, and comments when I write a program to make debugging easier. However, Basic stores each of these characters according to its internal representation, making programs longer than needed both in memory and on disk. Some long programs begin to run out of memory space in the Model 4. One solution for that is a utility that condenses a debugged program into the least possible space to allow as much room as possible in memory when you run the program. Squeeze is such a program; it removes all spaces, all line feeds, and the text of all remarks (see the Program Listing). It does not, however, affect literal strings in your program.

The Big Squeeze

To use Squeeze, you must first iustall it with the Set command at TRSDOS Ready and use the Filter command to link it to the keyboard driver. If you assemble the program as Squeeze/FLT, you would install it with the following two lines:

SET *SQ SQUEEZE FILTER *KI *SQ

The program will report that it has successfully installed itself and then relocate itself to protected high memory. You invoke it by pressing clear/shift-S when you want to compress a Basic program in memory.

Squeeze displays each line number as it compresses your program. If these numbers are out of order, something has gone wrong and you should reload your Basic program from disk before trying again. If the numbers are in order, Squeeze has successfully compressed the program.

If you list a compressed program, you might be surprised to see that it apparently still contains some spaces. The internal representation of the program won't have any, but Basic's listing module will put spaces wherever necessary in the version it shows you. What you see is the minimum number of spaces you could use to enter the program.

Also, Squeeze removes the text of all remarks, but keeps the Remark statements in case you have a GOTO or GOSUB to a line that begins with a remark. Any remark that originally began with an apostrophe will be shown as REM,

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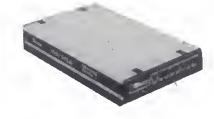
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Listing continued
    RESSE STORE
                                                  ; Saves contents of DE in (HL)
                     MACRO
    08618
                     LD
INC
                               (HL),E
                               (HL),O
    BESAR
                     ENDM
    BR658
    8866B
88678
               Memory-resident code
     09689 ;
                                                  :Use PSECT 3000H with ALDS
    88698
                     ORG
                               30008
    88788 ;
88712 ;
              Filter header:
    89728 ;
89738 BEGIN
                     JR
                               START
                                                   :Jump over header
                                                  ;2-bytes for old HIGH$; Length of module name; Module name
     00740 OLDHI
                     DEFW
                               $-$
MODDCB-BEGIN-5
     88750
                     DEFB
    88768
88778 MODDOB
                                'SQUEEZE'
                                                   12-bytes for DCB address
                     DEFW
                               S-S
    00700
90790
                                                   Reserved by TRSDOS
    00800
00610
               Storage area
     00020 NUMBUF
                     DEES
                                                   :5 spaces for ascii numbers
                                #BASIC is not loaded!
     88838
                                BEGO
                     DEFB
     88848 BASMSG
                     DEEM
     88859
                     DEFB
     88868 ERROR
                     DEFN
                                'Program pointer error'
     88879
                     DEFB
     8888
               Basic Signature at 3000H:
     08890
     88988
            SIGNAT DEFB
                               8E4H, 8E2H, 27H, 0F1H, 0ECH, 00H, 2EH, 0F1H
     88918
                                                   ;Use separate DEFS statements ;For assemblers other than EDAS
     20930
     00948
00950
               Link to *KI drlver:
     02260
     08970 CHAIN
                      PUSH
                                1X, (MODDCB)
$-2
     AAPRA
                      t.b
                                                   :Get our DCB address
                      ΕQU
     00999 REL1
                                PCHNIO
     01000
                      SVC
                                                   . Move down chain
                      POP
                                                   ,Recover old value
     01020
     01839
               Start of filter code:
     01040
     61868 START
                               NC. CHAIN
                                                   ,Go if not GET request
                      JR
     01070
                      CALL
                               CHAIN
                                                   Else go and return
                      EQU
RET
     21088 REL2
                                $-2
                               NZ
                                                   ;Return if no key
     01090
     91188
                      PUSH
CP
                               AF
SIGNAL
                                                    Else save char & flags
                                                   :Our turn?
     01120
01130
                      JR
                               Z,GO
AP
                                                    Yes -- start our routine
                                                   Else recover flags
     81148
01158
                                                   :And leave
     01160
                Our routine has been invoked:
     81188 GO
                      PUSØ
                                                   :Save all registers
                      PUSH
     61266
                      PUSH
                                RL
     01210
     81228
                      PUSH
     01230 ;
     81249
                      t.n
                                HL.3888H
                                                   ;HL==> beginning of program area
                                DE, SIGNAT
$-2
                                                   ;DL ==> signature comparison table
                      LD
     01260 REL3
                      EOU
                                Ď, 8
                                                   : Ovtes to check
                                A, (DE)
     81289 CKLOOP
                      L.D
                                                    Get signature byte
                                                   ;Okay?
;Go if not
     01298
01300
                                NZ, NOBAS
                      JR
                      INC
INC
     01310
                               BL
DE
                                                   ;Else bump pointers
     01320
     01330
                      DJNZ
                                CKLOOP
                                                   ,Check 8 bytes
     81348
                      JR
                                OKAY
                                                   And go
     01350
01360
               Basic is not resident
            ,
     91378 ;
81388 NOBAS
                      r.n
                                HL. BASHSG
                                                   Point to message
     01398 REL4
01408
                                $-2
ØDDH
                      EQU
                                                   :LD 1X prefix :Point to message
                      DEFB
     01410 INTERR
01420 REL5
                                HL, ERROR
                      EQU
     21430
                      svc
                                edsply
                                                    Display it
     81448
                      JP
                                OUT
                                                   And leave
     81458 REL6
81468 ;
                      EQU
     21470
21492
                Basic is in
                               memory -- start squeeze
                                                   ;IX==> User program
;IY==> User program
;Move byte from (IX) to (IY)
     01490 OKAY
                      LD
                                IX, (PRG_TBL)
     01580
                      LD
                                IY, (PRG_TBL)
     01510
01520 REL7
                                BUMPI
                      CALL
                      EÓU
                                $-2
                                                    Was it 00 line separator?
     01530
                                NZ.INTERR
                      JR
                                                    :No -- Report error & stop
     01550 ;
```

which looks like a mistake but isn't. Basic normally stores an apostrophe used as a Remark command as 3 bytes: a colon to indicate a new command, a remark token, and a special token for the apostrophe itself. The compression utility removes the apostrophe token and all the text that follows the remark symbol, but leaves the colon and first remark token in place so that the program runs without error.

If you save a compressed program to disk in normal, tokenized form, it won't have any spaces. If you save it in ASCII form, it will contain the spaces you see when you list it. You can, of course, reload and run either form. If you edit a compressed line, the editor will put the spaces back in and you might want to compress the program again.

Before you assemble the Listing, you need to check the four values in lines 310-340. These are the addresses where Basic stores pointers to its program table (the list of program lines precompiled into internal format), its variable table, its array table, and the beginning of free space. To check those values, type in the following, beginning at TRSDOS Ready. End each line by pressing the enter key:

DEBUG (E) BASIC.BASIC G 10 *****

Now hit the break key, type in D8000, and press the enter key.

You have just entered a short Basic program that consists of a line number, a remark, and six asterisks, then entered Debug to see where the program resides. (You can return from Debug to Basic at any time by typing in G and pressing the enter key.)

You should see asterisks in the middle of the Debug display. If not, press the plus sign until the asterisks appear. When they do, look for the three 00 bytes that precede the asterisks and write down the memory address of the last of those three bytes.

Now type in D7100. Starting at 71A7 hex should be a series of 26 bytes of 04 hex. These indicate that all variables default to type 4, single-precision numeric. If you use a DEFINT, DEFSTR, or DEFDBL command in your program, some or all of those bytes will change.

The 2 bytes immediately before the series of 04s should contain the address you just wrote down, but in reverse order. For example, if you wrote down 8135, you should see 35 81. If that value resides at 71A5 and 71A6 hex, you can assemble the program without change. If it isn't, you'll have to search through memory (use the plus and minus keys) looking for the 26 04s immediately preceded by the address you wrote down. When you find

Listing continued

The squeeze filter checks the area starting at 3000 hex to see if you have Basic active.

it, you need to change the values in lines 310–340. Line 310 contains the address of the pointer to the beginning of your program. Lines 320, 330, and 340 are the addresses of three pointers that immediately precede that one. You probably won't have to change anything if you're using TRSDOS 6.2 and Basic 1.1.0.

To understand how Squeeze works, you need to know how Basic stores program lines internally. Each line begins with the 2-byte address of the next line, which gives the program the form of a forward-linked list. Following that are 2 bytes that contain the line number in normal LSB/MSB (least-significant byte/ most-significant byte) form. The tokenized form of the contents of the line follow the line number. Basic separates each line from the next with a single 00 byte. The entire program ends with 3 successive bytes of 00: The first is the line separator; the next two (which would normally be the link field) show that the line links to no other line.

I've used two macro instructions in this program. The first makes using supervisory calls easier, the second stores the contents of the DE register pair at the address to which HL points. If your assembler doesn't support macros, you can easily expand each by hand. Next month, I plan to discuss macros in detail, including methods of expansion.

Program Operation

The code beginning in line 730 represents a standard TRSDOS memory header that allows TRSDOS to find modules in memory, and perform link, route, and filter operations successfully. Following that is a small buffer for converting line numbers to ASCII and two brief error messages.

Line 910 (you might have to write several separate DEFB statements with some assemblers) contains the first 8 bytes of the Basic/CMD program (you can verify they are correct with Debug) stored at 3000 hex. Most programs load into memory starting at 3000 hex and the Squeeze filter checks that area to see if you have Basic active. However, it is possible for those bytes to still reside in memory after you load and then leave

```
Listing continued
                                                       ;Save address of memory link
:Get 2 characters
      01560 LOOP)
                       PUSH
                                  B. 2
     01570
                       LD
     01580
                                  BUMP
     01590 REL8
                       EQU
                                  $-2
                                                       :Last one 00?
                                  Z . OONE
                                                       :Yes -- we're done
     01610
                        JP
                        EQU
     91639
                                                       Get LS8 of line number
                                  H, (IX+1)
DE, NUMBUF
                                                      ;Get line number
;DE==> buffer for ascii value
      91659
                       I.D
      01660
                       LD
      01670 REL10
                                  HEXDEC
      01689
                        SVC
                                                       :Convert to decimal
                                                       ;HL==> ascii string
                                  HL, NUMBUF
      01700 REL11
                        EOU
                                                      Display on screen
Move 2-byte line number
from (IX) to (IX)
                                  CDSPLY
                                  B,2
BUMP
      01730
      01740 REL12
                       EQU
                                  S-2
      01760
                 Nov
                      scan line of Basic until line separator is found
      01780 LOOP2
                       LD
                                  A, (IX)
                                                       :Get next byte
      01790
                                                       ;Is it 00 line separator?
;Yes -- go
                        OR
                                  Z, EOL
      01800
                                                       :Yes -- go
:REM token?
      01810
                                  REMARK
                        CP
      01820
                                  Z,REM
                                                       Beginning a string?
                        CP
      01830
                                  Z,STRING
                                                             -- go
                                                       Yes
                                                      ;2-byte verb token?
;No -- jump ahead
;2 bytes to transfer
; from (IX) to (IY)
      01850
                                  EXTEND
                                  NZ,GO1
B.2
      01870
                                  BUMP
      01890 REL13
                                  S-2
                                                      ;And loop back
;A space?
;No -- jump ahead
                                  LOOP 2
      01910 GOL
                        ĊP
                                  SPACE
      01920
                        JR
                                  NZ,GO3
                                                       ;Bump source pointer;And loop back;Co if greater than a space
      Ø193Ø GO2
                                  IX
LOOP2
      01940
                        JR
                                  NC, XFER
                                                       ;Line feed character?
      01960
                                  LF
      01970
01970
                                   , GO2
                                                       Octal token?
                                  OCT
                        JR
CP
                                                             -- transfer 3 bytes
      #199#
                                  Z,INT
                                                       Hex token?
      02000
                                  HEX
                                  Z,1NT
LINE
                                                             -- transfer 3 bytes
      #2919
                                                       :Line number token?
      82828
                                  Z, INT
      62638
                                                       Yes -- transfer 3 bytes
      02040
                        CP
                                  BYTE
                                                       Byte token?
      02050
                                                       Integer token
      92969
                                  INTEGER
                                                                 go
      02080
                                  SINGLE
                                                       ;Single-precision token
;Yes -- go
      02090
                                                       Double-precision token
      02100
                                  DOUBLE
      02110
02120
                                  NZ, XFER
                                                       No -- transfer one byte
Bytes to transfer
                                  B . 9
      02130
                                  XFERB
      02140 SING
                                                       Transfer single-precision
                                  XFERB
                                                       :And go
      02160 INT
                                                       :Transfer integer
      02170
02100 BYT
                                  XFERB
                                                       :Transfer byte value
      02190
                                  BUMP
                                                       Transfer number in B
      02200 REL14
                        EOU
      62216
                        JR
                                  LOOP2
                                                       :Scan some more
      #222#
      02230
02240
             XFER
                                  BUMP I
                                                       ; Move one byte from (IX) to (IY)
             REL15
                        EOU
      02250
                                  LOOP2
                                                       :And scan some more
      02260
      02270
02280
              : Transfer a st
      02290
             STRING
                        CALL
                                  BUMP1
                                                       ;Move opening quote
      02300 REL16
                        EOU
      02310 STR1
                        CALL
                                  BUMP 1
                                                       ; Move one character
      92329 REL17
                        EOU
                                   5-2
                                                       ; EOL Mark?
                                                       ;Yes -- go
;Closing quote?
;No -- loop back
;And scan some more
      02340
                        JR
                                  Z, EOL1
      02350
                        CP
      02360
                        JR
JR
      BERER
              ; Transfer & Truncate a remark (leave REM token in place)
      92489
                        CALL
                                  BUMP1
                                                       :Move REM character
      02420 REL18
                        EQU
LD
                                  $-2
A,(IX)
      02430 REM1
                                                       ;Get next character
      02440
                                                       ;Line separator?
;Go when end found
                        OR
      Ø245Ø
                                  Z, EOL
      02460
                        INC
                                                       ;Else bump pointer ;And look some more
                                   REM1
      02480
                 Process End-of-line (EOL) mark
      92599
      $2510 EOL
                        CALL
                                  BUMP 1
                                                       ;XFER line separator
      02520 REL19
                        EOU
      02530 EOL1
                                   İΥ
                                                       ; Move IY address to
                        PUSH
                                                                                     Listing continued
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THE NEXT STEP

```
Listing continued
                      POP
                                                        DE registers
     02550
                                HI.
                                                     :Recover line link address
    02560
02570
                      LD
                                 (HL),E
                                                     Set LSB of link
                                                     Bump pointer
Set MSB of link
                                HL
     02580
                      LD
                                 (HL),D
     02590
                      JÞ
                                LOOPI
                                                     :Process next line
     02600 REL 20
                      EQU
     02610
     8262B
                End-of-program processing
     02630
    02640 DONE
02650
02660
02670
                      PUSH
                                                     :Transfer address
                      POP
                                DE
                                                        to DE
                      POP
                                                     Discard old link addr.
                                HL. VAR TBL
                                                     :HL ==> var, table storage
                      LD
     арбяя
                      STORE
                      LD
                                HL.ARR TBL
                                                     :HL==> array table storage
                                                     Store address there
| HL==> free space storage
     62788
                      STORE
     02710
                                HL. PRE SPC
                      I.D
     82720
                      STORE
                                                     Store address there
     02730
     82748 OUT
                      POP
                                                     Recover registers
     42750
                      POP
                                ГX
     02760
     82776
                      POP
                                DE
                       POP
     82798
                      POP
                                AF
                                                     ;Set NZ flag
;Return null key
     02810
                       t.n
                                 A. 8
     02020
                                                     Return to Basic
     62830 1
     82848 ;
                Bump and Transfer subroutine
     02858
     02860 BUNP1
                                                     Entry for single transfer
                      LD
                                (XI),A
A,(YI)
                                                     Get a byte
And store at new address
     02070 BUNP
     02890
                       INC
                                 ÍΧ
                                                     :Increment pointers
                      INC
     82988
     02910
02920
                                 BUNP
                       DJNZ
                                                     ;Repeat until done
                       RET
     02930 ;
02940 FLTEND
                       EOU
                                                     :End of filter
     02950 FLTLEM
02960 ;
                                 S-BEGIN
                       EOU
                                                     ;Length of memory-resident module
     4297B
     02988
     82998
                  Initialization code
     03000
03010
     03020
     93938 INIT
                       POSH
                                                     ; Save DCB pointer
     03040
03050
                                 (MODDCB) . DE
                                                     ;Stuff into filter
;HL==> sign-on message
                       LD
                      LD
SVC
                                 HL, SGNON
     03060
                                                     Display on screen; DE==> module name
     93974
                       T.D
                                 DE, MODNAME
                       SVC
     03000
                                                     ;Already installed?
                                 @GTMOD
                                 NZ, VIASET
HL, INSTLD
     83894
                       JR
                                                     :Go if not found
                                                     :HL==> error message
     #311# ERR_OUT SVC
                                 POSPLY
                                                     Display the message
     03120
03130
                                                     ;Set extended error ;And leave
                       SVC
                                 SEXIT
     93150
                Installed with SET command?
     03160
03170
            VIASET
                      SVC
                                                     Point IY to flags Test bit 3 of C-flag
                                 BPLACS
                       BIT
                                 3, (IY+'C'-'A')
     83198
                      JR
LD
                                 NZ SETHI
                                                      Go If SET used
     03200
                                 HL NOSET
                                                     ;HL==> error message
     03210
                       JR
                                 ERR OUT
                                                     :And leave
     83238
               Reset BIGH$ and prepare to relocate filter
     83258
            SETHI
                       LD
                                 HL. 0
                                                     ;Function: get current value ;B=# >> select HIGH$
                       ĻD
                                 B.L
@HIGH$
     03270
                       SVC
                                                     :Get current HIGHS value
                                 (OLDHI), HL
                       LD
                                                     :Save old HIGHS
                       JR
                                                     ;Go if no error
;HL==> error message
     83298
                                 2.RELOC
     03300
                                 HL MEMERR
     03310
                       JR
                                 ERR OUT
                                                     :And leave
     03320 ;
     03330 ;
                Move filter to high memory and protect
     03350 RELOC
                       LD
                                 IV. RELTAR
                                                     ; IY --> Relocation table
     03360
03370
                                                     :DE==> End of fllter
                                 DE, FLTEND
                       YOR
                                                     Reset carry flag
Calculate distance to move
                                 HL, DE
                                                        and transfer to
BC register pair
     @339Ø
                       PUSH
                                 HI.
                       POF
     #3418 RELOCI
                       T.D
                                L, (IY+0)
H, (IY+1)
                                                     Get address to change
                       LD
                                                         in HL
                                                     ; Pick up MSB ; Is it #?
     03430
                       LD
                                 H,A
                       OR
     03450
                       JR
                                 Z.MOVE
                                                     Yes -- go move filter
Move contents
                       LD
                                 E, (HL)
                                                        of address
     03470
                       INC
                                 HI.
                                                     ; to DE reg. pair
;HL has value to change
;Add the offset
                       LD
                                 D. (HL)
     03490
                       EX
                                 DE HL
                       ADD
     83518
                       EX
                                 DE. HL
                                                     New value back in DE
                                                                                 Listing continued
```

Basic. If you invoke the compression utility in that situation, it might run rampant trying to compress a /CMD program, garbage in memory, or even itself, and cause your computer to crash completely. Be careful!

The program begins to operate at line 1060. Since it's a keyboard filter, it must first call the keyboard driver routine to collect a keystroke. Then it compares that key to the constant signal to see if you're invoking it. If so, control passes to line 1180 where Squeeze pushes all the Z80 registers onto the stack and checks Basic's "signature." If everything is okay, compression begins at line 1490.

Throughout the program, the IX register points to the current location in the uncompressed code, and the IY register points to the current location in the compressed code. The outer program loop, which begins at LOOP1 in line 1560, executes for each line of your program. The inner loop, beginning at LOOP2 on line 1780, executes for each byte of the original program. The inner loop cannot just discard all spaces and remarks because the internal representation of numbers might contain bytes that look like spaces or remark tokens, instead, the inner loop must copy all numbers completely, along with their tokens, and look only for bytes to discard between numbers and outside of literal strings' quotation marks.

At the end of the program (see line 2640), three of Basic's pointers need to be updated. If not, you will have a compressed program but no extra free memory because Basic still reserves memory space for your original program.

The program code following line 2920 is only to relocate and install the compression program. This is the same installation routine I've used many times and should look familiar to regular readers. The comments in the program should make most of it easy to follow.

I've used the program without problem un several Basic programs, and can usually reduce the size of a program by 25 percent or more. However, the three "apparently unused" entries in the Table bother me. They might be used for numeric types I have overlooked. If you find a program line that chokes the compression program consistently, please send it to me. You might have found a numeric token that I have overlooked, and I would like to add it to the list and publish a program patch.

You can contact Hordin Brothers through CompuServe. Go PCS-117 to the Writers' and Editors' SIG (WESIG). You can also write to Hardin at 280 N. Campus Ave., Upland, CA 91786. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you want a reply.

THE NEXT STEP

ing cont	inued			
03520		LD	(HL),D	;Put it back
03530		DEC	HL	; in the
83548		LD	(HL),E	; filter program
03550		INC	IY	;Bump IY to next
03560		INC	IY	; entry in the table
03570		JR	RELOC1	Repeat until done
03500	;			•
03590		module '	to high memory as	nd protect
83600				
03610		LD	DE, (OLDHI)	;DE==> destination address
83628		LD	HL, FLTEND	:HL==> current end of filter
03630		LD	BC FLTLEN	;BC==> length of module
B364B		LDDR	•	:Move it all
83659		EX	DE.HL	Move new HIGH\$ to HL
83668		LD	В.0	:Function: select H1GH\$
83678		SVC	@BIGH\$;Set new HIGH\$ value
83688		INC	HL	:HL==> filter entry point
03690				, , , ,
03700		vpe and	address in filt	er's DCB
03710		- 2 p		
03728	•	POP	TX	;Get DCB address off stack
03730		LD	(IX),01000101B	:Set as FILTER capable of
03740			(-11,)	PGET & PCTL
03750		LD	(IX+1),L	:LSB of filter address
03760		LD	(IX+2),H	:MSB of filter address
03770		LD	HL, SUCCESS	;HL==> Success message
03780		SVC	@DSPLY	, no , baccess message
03790		LD	HL, Ø	:Show success
03800		SVC	REXIT	Back to TRSDOS
03010		0.0	Coman	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
03820		ializati	on messages	
03830				•
	MODNAME	DEPM	'SQUEEZE'	
03850	HOD WELL	DB	8	Our filter's module name
	SGNON	DEFM	'BASIC Program	Compression Utility'
03870	Danes	DB	CR	
	INSTLD	DEFM	'Program alread	y in memory installation aborted
03890		DB	CR	
	NOSET	DEFM		installed with SET command'
03910	NODE:	DB	CR CR	THOUSENED WITH DEL COMMENTO
	MEMERR	DEFM		t available for installation'
03930	HEHERK	DB	CR CR	t dealance for installantion
	SUCCESS			uccessfully completed'
83958	DUCCESS	DB	LF	accedarata combiecen
		DEFM		mand to connect to *KI'
03060				mand to connect to - NA
83968 83978				
03970		DB	LF	ra/Shifta/Sa to invoke!
03970 03980		DB DEFM	LF 'Then use <clea< td=""><td>r><shift><s> to invoke'</s></shift></td></clea<>	r> <shift><s> to invoke'</s></shift>
03970 03980 03990		DB DEFM DB	LF *Then use <clea LF</clea 	
83978 83988 83998 84888		DB DEFM DB DEFM	LF 'Then use <clea 'warning:="" do="" lf="" n<="" td=""><td>r><shift><s> to invoke' ot invoke unless Basic is Active!'</s></shift></td></clea>	r> <shift><s> to invoke' ot invoke unless Basic is Active!'</s></shift>
83978 83988 83998 84888 84888		DB DEFM DB DEFM DB	LF 'Then use <clea 'warning:="" do="" lf="" lf<="" n="" td=""><td></td></clea>	
03970 03980 03990 04000 04010 04020		DB DEFM DB DEFM	LF 'Then use <clea 'warning:="" do="" lf="" n<="" td=""><td></td></clea>	
03970 03980 03990 04000 04010 04010	1	DB DEFM DB DEFM DB DB	LF 'Then use <clea 'warning:="" cr<="" do="" lf="" n="" td=""><td></td></clea>	
83978 83988 83998 84888 84828 84828 84838	; Relo	DB DEFM DB DEFM DB	LF 'Then use <clea 'warning:="" cr<="" do="" lf="" n="" td=""><td></td></clea>	
03970 03980 03990 04000 04010 04010 04030 04030 04030	; Relo	DB DEFM DB DEFM DB DB Cation t	LF 'Then use <clea 'warning:="" able<="" cr="" do="" lf="" n="" td=""><td>ot invoke unless Basic is Active!'</td></clea>	ot invoke unless Basic is Active!'
03970 03980 03990 04000 04010 04030 04030 04040 04050 04060	; Relo	DB DEFM DB DEFM DB DB Cation t	LF 'Then use <clea 'warning:="" able="" cr="" do="" lf="" n="" rel1,rel2,rel3,<="" td=""><td>ot invoke unless Basic is Active!' REL4,REL5,REL6,REL7</td></clea>	ot invoke unless Basic is Active!' REL4,REL5,REL6,REL7
03970 03980 03990 04000 04010 04030 04040 04050 04060 04070	; Relo	DB DEFM DB DEFM DB DB cation t DEFW DEFW	LF 'Then use <clea 'warning:="" able="" cr="" do="" lf="" n="" rel1,="" rel1<="" rel2,="" rel3,="" rel8,="" td=""><td>ot invoke unless Basic is Active!' REL4, REL5, REL6, REL7 , REL11, REL12, REL14</td></clea>	ot invoke unless Basic is Active!' REL4, REL5, REL6, REL7 , REL11, REL12, REL14
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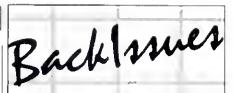
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Let's look, for example, at a spreadsheet that calculates employees' income taxes (Fig. I). The spreadsheet is for 1984, and assumes that the employees are married and filing joint returns. The equation to calculate federal taxes (column 3) is simple: Base + Percentage* Over-amount. All three variables in the formula, however, change with the salary of the employee. How can one equation in column 3 take these changes into account?

This is where the look-up table comes in. This spreadsheet refers to three, in columns 5–7. The base comes from column 6, the percentage from column 7, and the over-amount by subtracting the minimum salary (column 5) from the actual (column 2). The tax equation becomes the Multiplan formula in Fig. 2.

Let's get a quick look at how the spreadsheet works, using an income of \$25,000 as an example.

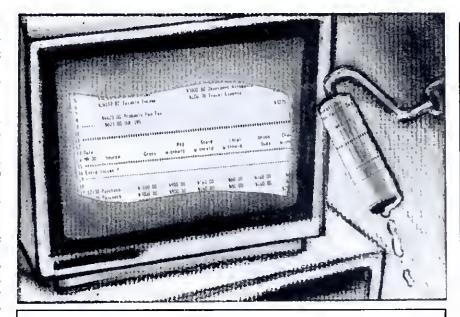
The function Lookup (N, Table) searches for the first value (N) in the first row or column of the area specified by Table. Multiplan searches down a square or vertical table and searches left to right through a horizontal table. Lotus uses @VLOOKUP and @HLOOKUP to do the same.

Lookup searches down Salary_table to find \$29,000 in row 13. Since this is a

Multiplan formula in column 3: LOOKUP (RC[- 1],Base Table) + LOOKUP(RC[- 1],Percentage_table)*(RC[- 1] - LOOKUP (RC[- 1],Salary_table))

Base_table, Percentage_table, and Salary_table are named ranges of the tax table above as follows: Salary_table—R3:18C5:5
Base_table—R3:18C5:6
Percentage_table—R3:18C5:7

Figure 2. Formulo for spreadsheet.



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Figure 1. Spreadsheet for calculating federal taxes using look-up tobles.

Value	Color	Value	Color
0	Black	8	Gray (black on 2000)
1	Blue	9	Bright blue
2	Green	Α	Bright green
3	Cyan	В	Bright cyan
4	Rcd	С	Bright red
5	Magenta	D	Bright magenta
6	Brown (yellow on 2000)	E	Bright yellow
7	White	F	Bright white

Figure 3. Color selections for Lotus.

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Put all of this together, and you have a nice tax calculator. If you let your imagination wander, you quickly realize that the formulas for tax calculations in column 3 could be extended to use any of four table areas, depending on whether you are married or single.

Action	Comments
DEBUG TD.DRV <enter></enter>	Load Debug and the LOTUS text display video driver.
E17D <enter></enter>	Begin editing memory at offset address 017DH in the driver.
WW < SPACE >	Enter first color selection from Fig. 3; enter the hexadecimal digits from the color selection table in the proper order for each attribute byte.
XX <space></space>	Enter second color selection.
YY < SPACE >	Enter third color selection.
ZZ <enter></enter>	Enter fourth color selection.
W < ENTER >	Write the modified TD.DRV driver back to the disk.
Q <enter></enter>	Exit Debug to MS-DOS.

Figure 4. Instructions for modifying colors in IBM-PC Lotus.

Color Byte	IBM PC Lotus	Tandy 2000 Lotus
ww	Used to set normal colors.	Used to set the background colors for normal text and borders.
XX	Used to set colors for the spreadsheet border.	Used to set the foreground color for normal text and borders.
YY	Used to set colors for un- protected cells and help text without the cursor.	Used to set the background color for help text and unprotected cells.
ZZ	Used to set colors for un- protected cells and help text with the cursor.	Used to set the foreground color for help text and unprotected cells.

Figure 5. Description of bytes used to modify Lotus colors.

Action	Comments
DEBUG TD.DRV < ENTER >	Load Debug and the LOTUS text display video driver.
E18D < ENTER >	Begin editing memory at offset address 018DH in the driver.
WW < SPACE >	Enter first color selection from Fig. 3; enter the hexadecimal digits from the color selection table in the proper order for each attribute byte.
XX < SPACE >	Enter second color selection.
YY < SPACE >	Enter third color selection.
ZZ <enter></enter>	Enter fourth color selection.
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Figure 6. Instructions for modifying colors in Tandy 2000 Lotus.

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Now, armed with this knowledge, select background and foreground colors for the spreadsheet border, the text on the spreadsheet, unprotected cells or unselected cursor locations in the help mode, and unprotected cells or actual cursor location in the help mode. Write these down, remembering to organize them in each byte as background/foreground, and fire up Debug.

Place a disk containing Debug in drive B and the Lotus system disk (it must contain the file TD.DRV) in drive A. Follow the instructions in Fig. 4, entering each step just as it appears. Replace WW, XX, YY, and ZZ with your color values; see Fig. 5 for a description of each byte. When you're done, run Lotus Access: you should see the changes immediately.

The Tandy 2000 Lotus works differently on the 2000 than it does on other MS-DOS machines. The spreadsheet frame and text are displayed using some colors in the monochrome text mode.

For the Tandy 2000, the monochrome video is organized into a single page of text arranged like the IBM PC. Unfortunately, the attribute bytes don't resemble the PC's. These attributes do allow setting normal or high-intensity display, blink, underlining, and reverse video. The normal and high-intensity modes select their respective colors from the palette register contents and you can control these values. All 16 colors in Fig. 3 are allowed for setting the values.

Normal or highlight characters may

also be displayed in reverse video. Lotus uses these four combinations to display all text. While you have no control over the attributes used to display text, you can control the colors used for each mode,

Again, use Fig. 3 to select the colors you want. The first will control the background color of the normal text and the second the foreground color. These colors will also be used for the border, which is displayed in reverse video (the functions of these two colors are reversed). The third and fourth choices set the colors for the help text and unprotected cells. You enter each of these colors as a single byte; for example, bright green as byte OA.

Figure 6 gives directions on using Dcbug for the Tandy 2000. Follow them as you would those for the PC-compatibles. You should immediately see your color selections when you run Lotus.

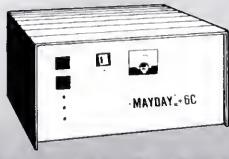
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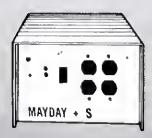
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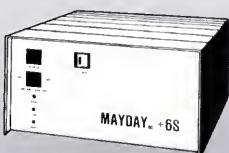
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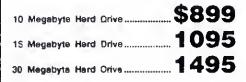
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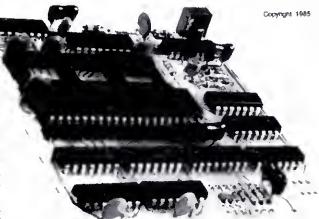
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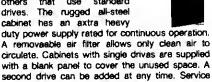
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Hyperzap also lets you inspect and modify memory with string searches, CRC calculations, memory modifications, block moves, block fills, and block comparisons.

Hyperzap generates self-booting disks for either a Model I, Ill, or 4. Also, you can put any combination of I, IiI, or 4 programs on a self-booting disk, useful for anyone distributing Model i and Model III/4 versions of a program on a single disk.

Hyperzap supports a feature called autopilot, a do-file mimic for building files of multiple keystrokes. Dnce you build an autopilot file, or use one of Hyperzap's 17 files, you can pass control to Hyperzap and all program prompts will be answered by the autopilot file.

Drawbacks

While all of the above may sound great, I found a number of serious problems with Hyperzap. The 39-page manual provides a good explanation of Hyperzap's many features, but it doesn't explain disk formats and structures.

Also, entering data with Hyperzap is a confusing hodgepodge. Many program prompts require a leading zero for single-digit numeric values. Others require only a single digit and produce incorrect resulis if you add the leading zero. While you can put most numeric responses in either decimal or hexadecimal format, some prompts accept only decimal or hexadecimal values. To aggravate the situation further, incorrect responses can sometimes crash the program.

Since Hyperzap runs independently of a disk operating system, it uses its own device driver routines. While the video and printer drivers function properly, the keyboard and disk drivers exhibit a few glitches. The keyboard driver doesn't provide enough debounce, so the keys repeat slowly. And the disk driver hangs up completely whenever you try to access a diskless drive.

My first copy of Hyperzap indicated i had numerous CRC errors on disks that I could format without problem with other operating systems. Hypersoft sent me another copy of Hyperzap that worked fine.

Conclusion

Hyperzap offers several unique features for a zap utility, but the program's problems make it difficult to use. If Hypersoft corrected Hyperzap's weaknesses, I would give the program much higher marks. But I found the inconsistent data entry requirements confusing. With a little refinement, Hyperzap would be an excellent product. Until then, I can only consider it falr.

Multilingual MULTIDOS 80/64 by Thomas L. Quindry

MULTIDOS 80/64 runs on the Model 4 (64K) and requires one disk drive. AlphaBit Communications Inc., 13349 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48126, 313-581-2896. \$99.95.

a any of its fans know, MULTIDOS reads and writes practically any Model I/III DOS format. The Model 4 version of MULTIDOS, 80/64, extends this feature to include TRSDOS 6.X. MULTIDOS 80/64's main advantage, however, is its ability to run Model I/III Basic programs in Model 4 mode without conversion, at the Model 4's faster processing speed and 80-character screen width (unless the program uses machine-language subroutines or PEEKs or POKEs).

Like other versions of MULTIDOS, 80/64 tou's its ability to read all disk formats for the TRS-80 series. While MULTIDOS can directly read some DOS formats (like LDOS), you have to use a program called VFU to convert TRSDOS 1.3 programs to another drive to run them. Several Model I DOSes require that you change the disk's data address marks with the MULTIDDS Convert/CMD program. As with other versions of MULTIDOS, 80/64 can read all TRS-80 disk formats. It also writes to most formats, but not to TRSDOS 1.3 and 2.3.

Compatibility

MULTIDOS Basic uses tokens identical to those in Model I/III Basic, but TRSDOS 6.X Basic uses different tokens. Therefore, you must save Model 4 Basic programs in ASCII format before MULTIDOS can read and run them directly from a TRSDOS 6.X disk.

MULTIDOS's Basic interpreter, Super-Basic, comes with enhancements to standard Basic and debugging tools. You can trace, single-step, set breakpoints, and review variables in Basic programs. You also get a string sort similar to that in TRSDOS 1.3 Basic, with output in ascending or descending order.

Additional Basic commands include Label, Erase, Zero, Hex, Binary, Call, and WPEEK. Erase removes a variable array from RAM. Zero sets all elements of the array to zero. WPEEK PEEKs at a 2-byte value (word) that an integer points to. Some of these SuperBasic commands conflict with those in TRSDOS 1.3.

MULTIDOS Features

While MULTIDOS 80/64's compatibility with Model I/III Basic programs is good, it is a Model 4 operating system. It resides in RAM and loads its Basic interpreter in low memory. Because of this, you can't run most /CMD files written for the I, III, or 4. MULTIDOS also doesn't support the RAM calls most commercial software packages use. For instance, I couldn't run Scripsit, LeScript, or Allwrite. Some commercial machine-language programs can access most features, but not all.

If you have a 128K Model 4, MULTI-DOS lets you partition the extra memory bank as a Memdisk; you can also set aside part of high memory as a RAM disk or data disk. MULTIDOS provides a MINIDOS function accessible at all times, even while running a Basic program. It includes commands you can run before returning to the program. You can copy, kill, or list specified files; display a directory; invoke a debugging program; and select the 64- or 80-character screen widths (32 or 40 characters in enlarged-character mode).

Other useful commands available from DOS include an Unkill command and linking and routing commands. MULTIDOS's utilities let you assign function-key characteristics, edit globally in Basic, zap disks, time disk drives, filter printer codes, spool printer data, test memory, and scan/search memory for 8- or 16-bit codes.

MULTIDOS supports double-sided disk drives, but the manual provides no instructions for making a double-sided MULTIDOS system disk.

You can also formal, read, and write to the reverse side of a double-sided disk as though it were a separate drive. Each side acts as an independent disk with its own directory; you refer to a two-drive system's four "drives" as 0, 0', 1, and 1'. However, you have to configure MULTI-DOS to recognize double-sided disks.

Docs and Knocks

The MULTIDOS manual is tough to get through. While it offers good technical information, you have to hunt all over for it. And I found the way it handles the different systems confusing.

I discovered only one error with MULTIDOS. The Memdisk X command is supposed to reset the Memdisk or RAM disk previously set, but I couldn't get it to work.

Conclusion

While MULTIDOS 80/64 isn't fully compatible with Model 1, III, or 4 programs, it does have some features you can't find anywhere else. MULTIDOS 80/64 has utility for a select audience and you may just be one of them. ■

Typitali: A Scripsit Alternative

by David Dalton



Typitall runs on the Models I, III (48K) and 4/4P (64K) and requires one disk drive. Howe Software, 14 Lexington Road, New City, NY 10956, 914-634-1821. \$129.95. With spelling checker, \$179.95.

Easy to use: ★★★☆ Good docs: *** *** Bug free: Does the job: ★★★☆☆

f you're a Model III Scripsit user who has moved up to a Model 4, you'll has moved up to a Model 4, you'll probably like Typitall, an inexpensive and capable word processor.

While Typitall uses some of the Model 4's extra features, such as the 80-column screen and the function keys, it doesn't use the extra memory available with 128K systems. Under TRSDOS 6.X, Typitall holds only 41K of text. It also doesn't use the Model 4's reverse video to highlight text, as SuperScripsit does.

Features

Typitall adds some important features missing from Model I/III Scripait. You can send special codes to the printer, for example, and execute DOS commands from within the program. You can even exit to DOS, do a few chores (such as formatting a disk), and return to Typitall with your text intact.

Typitall calls help files at the touch of a key, and updates a status line at the bottom of the screen after each keystroke. It displays the current line number, the length of the line, the line width, the document length, and the amount of free space in bytes.

Inserting new text within old was alwaya a pain with Scripsit. Typitall makes it easier with the function keys. F1 opens a line for inserting text, F2 deletes one character, and F3 rejoins lines after an insert. You use control-M to switch back and forth between overstrike and insert mode.

You print files to the screen or to a disk file. Printing to the screen lets you check your format without wasting paper. You can also print to the screen using small graphics blocks instead of text, which will display how the pages will look.

One nice Typitall feature is its printer spooler. You can save a document to a disk file and have Typitall print the file while you work on something else. Typitall has some limitations here, though. It may ignore your keystrokes while it goes to the disk for the next block of text to print, and a noticeable system slowdown signifies that you're using the spooler. Printing from TRSDOS's Memdisk isn't as slow.

Customizing

You can modify many of the program's features and parameters and save them to disk permanently. You can, for example, change the rate at which keys repeat or set up a default lile name extension.

You can also set up printer parameters, such as whether your printer expects line feeds, and send command strings to reset the printer each time you print a file. Typitall's printer support is good, but it doesn't support proportional spacing or serial printers. You can set up sequences of keystrokes and save them permanently. Thereafter, you can call often-used command routines or character strings with one keystroke. This is a good way to save printer-control lines that you use frequently.

To give you more room for your documents, Typitall uses several overlays. That means that only part of the program resides in memory at any one time. If you want to print a file, Typitall reads the printing overlay from disk, as it does the help files. You can circumvent this process by copying the overlays and help files to Memdisk and customizing Typitali so that it accesses Memdisk before loading an overlay. This makes things run faster.

Problems

Typitall did several weird things with my documents. I was unable to reproduce the problem, but a couple of times my screen width changed of its own accord and the text became skewed, though I lost none. Sometimes an invalid command will slightly alter the appearance of your text at the cursor location.

Spelling Checker

The spelling checker, which only costs an extra \$50, contains about 29,000 words. It's slow, awkward to use, and the size of the document that it checks is limited by available memory. The checker sorts your document to make a list of unique words, looks up the words in the dictionary, and drops them into a block at the top of your file. You use a Hunt command to find each misspelled word in your document. You can add to the dictionary and create your own special dictionaries.

Conclusion

Typitall lacks the power of Super-Scripsit, the pizzazz of LeScript, and the class of Allwrite. But not everyone can deal with Allwrite's price tag or Super-Scripsit's complexity. This isn't the ultimate word processor, but a valid alternative to Scripsit.■

WordPerfect 4.0

WordPerfect 4.0 runs on the Tandy 1000, 1200, and 2000 (256K), requires two disk drives and MS-DOS 2.X. Satellite Software International, 288 W. Center St., Orem, UT 84057. 801-224-4000. \$495 (includes mail-merge and spelling checker with 100,000-word dictionary).

I described Microsoft Word 2.0 as a "first-strike thermonuclear word processor" (August 1985, p. 114), However, I forgot that superpowers come in twos. WordPerfect 4.0, like Word, is an awesome program built for high-volume professional writing that is wasted on occasional correspondence. In many ways, it's even mightier than its Microsoft rival.

Most of WordPerfect's advantages involve extra convenience. It's not copyprotected (which I appreciate after seeing my one legal copy of Word disappear in a hard disk crash) and it can automatically save your file at specified intervals. The spelling dictionary is bigger. It can not only format columns of text but also add columns of numbers. And the screen display shows the page and line position indicator that Word inexplicably forgot.

But, WordPerfect isn't as dazzling in the "what you see is what you get" department: There's no on-screen justification or multiple windows, and less virtuosity at mixing dozens of fonts for a laser typesetter (though you can install up to five printers instead of the usual one), And it doesn't have an undelete function.

Compared to Word's layered alphabetic menus, WordPerfect's 40-plus commands (all done with the function and control, alternate, and shift keys) take extra memorization. The manual, while first-rate, is useless without the supplied function-key template.

With the color-coded template before you, you'll fly through mountainous papers or reports. Some programs can't print footnotes; WordPerfect automatically numbers and formats notes up to 16,000 lines long, not to mention doing indexes, tables of contents, and Think-Tank-style outlines. Some auxiliary programs such as SuperKey allow multikeystroke macros and file access passwords; WordPerfect has them built in.

Once you turn off its automatic hyphenation (it brings winged thoughts to a screeching halt a dozen times per page), WordPerfect will quickly and unobtrusively do any word processing job. Microsoft Word is flashier (on-screen boldface italics edited with a mouse), but WordPerfect is an unbeatable powerhouse. It's expensive, but definitive.

—Eric Grevstad

Telecommuter

Telecommuter runs on the Tandy 1000, 1200, and 2000 (256K) and requires one disk drive and MS-DOS 2.X. Sigea Systems, Inc., 19 Pelham Road. Weston, MA 02193, 617-647-1098. Write-it \$125, XModem \$200, Standard \$200, Deluxe \$300, Plus \$400.

Telecommuter is an enhanced version of a program called Remote Control, which 80 Micro reviewed in June 1985 (p. 113). As with Remote Control, Telecommuter provides a direct link between the Model 100/200 and a remote Tandy 1000/1200/2000 (which needs an auto-answer modem). You can access your PC over the phone to execute file transfers. DOS commands, and print documents, and even run programs. It is a significant enhancement for those who travel or use a portable when away from their PCs.

The different versions of Telecommuter are built around the same core program. Write-It only provides word-processing and fast file transfers. XModem includes protocol file transfer with the TELCOM mode. The Standard Telecommuter includes TELCOM and a host mode, and Deluxe provides access to the DOS and a multiple access level host mode. Telecommuter Plus has all the features of the other versions in one package.

The TELCOM mode is similar to the Model 100's, and there is a fast file transfer mode. The text processing mode uses many of the same commands as the 100/200's Text.

Telecommuter is better than the Remote Control program: The null modem cable is now sturdier and longer; there is single key redial in TELCOM mode from the PC; you have the option to automatically run application programs upon logon in host mode; and there is a simulated sign-off if you lose your connection.

Also, text processing is more versatile. You can now append files to existing ones, or take them from disk and place them in text. You can divide large jobs into a series of small ones by using a command file to call files to be printed. You can write and print form letters. You can send printer output to the screen for preview or to a disk file.

Telecommuter can automatically sense whether you have a monochrome or color graphics board, but there is only one choice of display colors.

What was a very good manual is now even better. It has been split into two books, one for setting up and word processing, the other for telecommunications. The documentation leads you through the system, with many examples. Also enclosed are two reference cards with the communications and word processing commands.

Telecommuter links your 100/200 and your PC, giving you access to the PC's power while retaining your lap-top's portability.

-Thomas L. Quindry

How to Use Your Radio Shack Printer

By William Bardin Jr. 204 pp. Softcover. Tandy/Radio Shack. One Tandy Center. Fort Worth, TX 76108. Radio Shack Catalog #26-1242. \$14.95.

If you use any of the Radio Shack printers, whether it's a dot-matrix, daisy-wheel, or printer-plotter, then you need How to Use Your Radio Shock Printer. This book has an enormous amount of information, which at times is overwhelming. While it isn't thorough enough in some areas, no other source is as helpful for Radio Shack users.

This book covers all the printers carried by Radio Shack at the time it was printed: the CGP-I15 and 220; the DMP-I00, I10, I20, 200, 400, 420, 500, 2100, and 2100P; the DW I, II, and IIB; the DWP-210 and 410; the LP 1, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII; the QP I and II; the TP-I0; and the Plotter/printer.

The later printers, such as the DMP-105, aren't included, but Barden notes that the newer printers can emulate at least one of the printers in the book. Even if your printer isn't listed, you can still use the book.

The book contains 12 chapters organized into three sections: Printer Basics, Printing Text, and Printing Graphics.

Printer Basics takes a brief look at the Radio Shack printer line, how printers form characters and communicate with computers, characters printed, simple programs for underlining and graphics, and a master index on the abilities of the various printers.

The next three chapters deal with printing text, first with normal text and simple word processing, then word processing functions such as wordwrap, justification, and proportional spacing. The last chapter in this section deals with such uses as mail labels, boilerplate form letters, and screen-printing text to your printer.

The final section tackles graphies: normal, screen, and creative printing. Normal printing uses the printer's built-in graphics characters to make boxes, graph forms, butterflies, and large characters.

The chapter on creative graphics shows you how to design characters and create pictures with direct dot-addressing.

There's even a short section on using daisy-wheel printers to make graphs using the period and other characters.

Barden's book is well written, with many examples and dozens of printer hints. The hints are placed into sidebars, and give information about such things as the impression level and ribbon feed in daisy-wheels, or generating Japanese Kana symbols with the LP VIII and DMP-200, 400, 420, and 500.

The book's major fault is that it attempts to cover everything, while not providing enough in-depth information about any one printer. You need your printer manual and this book side-by-side.

One other limitation is that there aren't enough examples. This is especially true in the discussions on graphics.

Despite its problems, this is one book you should have if you own a Radio Shack printer or want to write programs that use standard Radio Shack printers.

-Terry Kepner

PRO-X-FTS

PRO-X-FTS runs on the Model 4/4P (64K), and requires one disk drive and an RS-232. Misosys Inc., P.O. Box 239, Sterling, VA 22170-0239, 703-450-4181, \$24.95.

PRO-X-FTS is an XModem file transfer utility for making error-free transmissions between computers. It's not a full-featured telecommunications program. Instead, it's meant to be used along with a program such as COMM, which is supplied with TRSDOS 6.X.X.

XModern, the Ward Christensen protocol for error-free file transfer, is a de facto standard, and you can use it to download thousands of public domain programs.

If you use TRSDOS 6.2, you execute PRO-X-FTS from within your communications program by pressing clear/shift/0. With other DOSes (6.0, 6.1, DOS-PLUS IV), you must exit your communications program, invoke PRO-X-FTS, and return to the program once the file transfer is complete.

lused the program on a Model 4 running TRSDOS 6.2 io transfer a few programs from my Compaq, and it worked well.

The PRO-X-FTS utility is well worth the price, and makes error-free transfers easily, either locally between computers or from bulletin boards. I always wondered why the authors of TRSDOS and LDOS omitted XModem from COMM. Without it, LCOMM and COMM are only half the communication programs they could be. PRO-X-FTS makes them what they should be: useful.

-Gary Shade

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"--": FPOS = FPOS+2; RETURN ELSE FPOS = FPOS+1; TOKEN.VALS="-": RETURN

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2819 IF DELIMS="-" TOKEN.VALS=TOKEN.VALS+CPROGS(FPOS):FPOS = FPOS + 1; TOKEN.VALS="-"; RETURN
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IF TOKEN.TYP = 1 AND TOKEN.VALS=";" THEN VAR.INT&(CLA)=VAR.INT&(CLIA): RETU
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            This routine starts at fpos, and places the next input token (keyword, number, token) up to a delimiter into the string tokens. Valid delimiters are : space.

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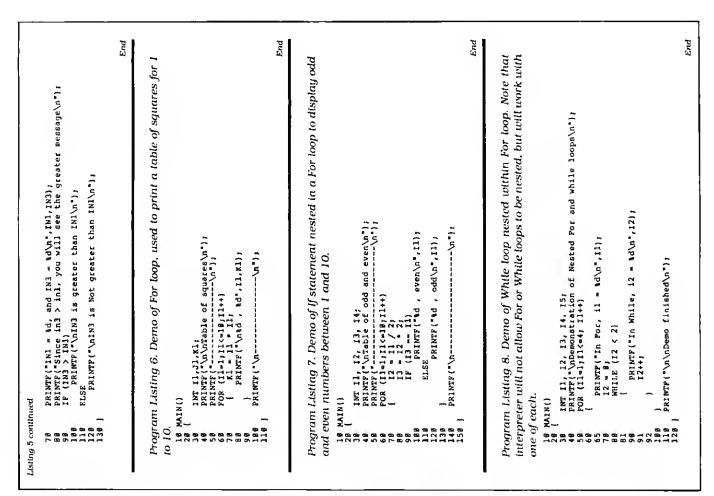
Valid delimiters are : space.

Note that upon sait, fpos is updated to point to the next character to be processed in the source program, following tokens. Leading spaces and or tabs are ignored. In the delimiter reached is returned in variable delims.

The Token. Vy is either 1 * identifier, 2 * number(int), 3 * delim agn The token. Vy is either 1 * identifier, 2 * number(int), if the token. Vy of $ * string in double quotes, 5 * string single quotes token. Typ of $ 9 if fpos should get greater than eofc,
                                                                                                                                                                                  IF TOKEN.VALS="++" THEN VAR.INT&(CLA)=VAR.INT&(CLL&)+1: RETURN
IF TOKEN.VALS="--" THEN VAR.INT&(CLA)=VAR.INT&(CLL&)-1: RETURN
IF TOKEN.VALS<>"+" THEN 1688
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        VAR.INTW(CLW)=VAL(TOKEN.VAL$); HOLD.POS1 = FPOS; GOSUB 1828 IF TOKEN: VAL$=";" TREN PPOS=HOLD.POS1; RETURN CLIN=CLW; GOTO 1588
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NO (CL% >=1): CLW-CL%-1; WEND
1458 IF CL%-$ THEN PRINT "Statement Error - Variable Not declared":STOP
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      940 FPOS = CX4
958 MALLE (FPOS) <> CRR$(19)); FPOS = FPOS+1; WEND; FPOS = FPOS + 1
958 WALLE (FPOSG*(FPOS) = "\" THEN FPOS = FPOS + 1: IF CPROGS(FPOS) = "\" THEN CPROGS(
PPOS) = CHR$(13) ELSE IF CPROGS(FPOS) = "t" THEN CPROG$(FPOS) = CRR$(9) ELSE PRI 
NT "Error = 1118qs1 control character": STOP
973 PRINT CPROG$(FPOS); FPOS = FPOS + 1: GOTO 1819
989 GOSUB 1828:CL%=TEMPVAR, COUNT-GLOBAL, COUNT: WHILE VAR, NAME$(CL%) <>TOKEN, VAL$AN
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IF TOKEN.VALS-GETCHAR* THEN GOGUE 1188; VAR.INTW.(CLR)=FUNC.RET; RETURN
CLR=TEMPVAR.COUNT-4GLOBAL.COUNT: WHILE "VAR.NAMES*(CLR)
CLR=CLR=1; WEND; IF CLR=8 THEN PRINT "Variable Used = Not declared"; STO
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         This routine handles a getchar statement, On entry, fpos points to the character following the keyword getchar. The keyboard entry will be placed into the interpreter global function return variable, Function is to the character following the close paren of At exit, fpos will point to the character following the close paren of
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    ' This routine assumes that the tempvar.name array has been initialized to hold null strings and tempvar.count was set to zero at init
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This routine merely places the name into the tempost.name array, and
sets the tempost.val to zero.
                                                                        'This routine handles a putchar statement. On entry, fpos will point to the left paren of the function call.
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variable count to zero.
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VAR.NAMES(GLOBAL.COUNT+CLR) = "": VAR.INTW(GLOBAL.COUNT+CLW)=8
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    This routins gets called when the first token of a statement is not in one of the keywords recognized. In end, it should only be called when an identifier is located, as in an arithmetic statement. It will be assumed here that that is why this routine is being called.
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If TOKEN.VA55**+* THEN VAR.INTH(CLA) = VAR.INTA(CLA)+1: RETURN
IF TOKEN.VA15*=-" THEN VAR.INTA(CLA) = VAR.INTA(CLA)-1: RETURN
IF TOKEN.VA15*-" THEN PRINT "Syntex errol": 5TOP
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    CLN>=1; CLN=CLN-1; WEND; 'find var
b) IN CLN=H=H THEN ENTYTFULCABI - Identifier not declared'; STOP
HB PRINT CHRSTVAR.INTN(CLN);
19 HHILE (CPROG$[FPOS]<> ")"); FPOS = FPOS + 1; WEND
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2398 IF A(7)>B TMEN A(5)=A(6)/A(7)*18B
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A(9)=2*A(6)+A(6)(18)-A(6)/A(7)*18B
A(9)=2*A(6)+A(6)(18)-A(14)/A(11)+A(12):A(14)=A(13)
248B FOR Y1=1 TO 28IT(X,Y1)=T(X,Y1)+A(Y1):NEXT Y1
A418 IF T(X,4)>F THEN T(X,5)=T(X,7)*18B
A428 IF T(X,7)>F THEN T(X,6)=T(X,7)*18B
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Listing continued choices, ".GOSUB 160: RETURN 478 game GOTO (X+1); (0 ; NS(X+1); "); to be changed? " change) "; you would like to see:", ō re are no games played.":GOSUB 16 Statistics for a Particular Game correct hool name) a game (H/A), GINPUT#3,09,DS,RS,SU,ST:PRINT Y1:09," the "Making Corrections", PRINT ch of the following do you GOSUB 1169 1LPRINT P PLAYER

TES - + STRING 24, --)

TO P.LPRINT USING %% , N\$(%) IP X/3 = INT(X/3) AND X < 28 THEN LPRIN NEXT X.LEPRINT" ".LEPINT STRINGS(112,"... POR X=21 TO 22.LPRINT USING "N", NŠ(X) LPRINT USING " Ģ JO. GOSUB 1628 (CLOSE:GOSUB LPRINT BIRING\$(112,"-"); THEN 3758 Listing continued

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inted am "; LEFTS(P\$(P),20)
r "; LEFTS(P\$(P),20);: INPUT N\$(P):GOSUB

(8133, "Now you will enter each player's name letters) and each player's jersey number."

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PAS THEN 4788 INT# 958, CHR\$(31); "Are there any TSA"Y" THEN 4789

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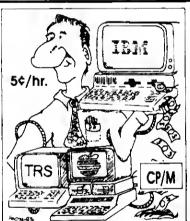
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10 PRINT"CHOOSE WINDOW FOR AC
20 INPUT W1:IF W1>4 DR W1<1 3
30 INPUT"CHOOSE WINDOW FOR P)
40 IF W2>4 OR W2<1 THEN 730
50 IF W1=W2 THEN PRINT"YOU H)
50 OVERWRITTEN BY THE GRAPH"; PR(I)=AM(I)/IA*188 IF LEN(AC\$(I))>9 INPUT AMOUNT "; R I=1 TO N TA=TA+AM(I) CN=W2:GOSUB GLOCATE(1,5) X1=1:Y1=5:PO CW=W1 GOSUB CH=W1;GOSUB CFC GLOCATE NEXT Listing 5 continued

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POLL VIEW(220,18)-(234,28),0,1:GLOCATE(10,5),0:PRINT4-3,"\$3"
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GOSUB538 'clear area window 3
VIEW(335,128)-(635,138),0,1:CLR:GLOCATE(1,5),8:PRINT\$-3,"\$4"
VIEW(358,128)-(635,138),0,1:CLR 'message window 4
GOSUB548 'clear area of window 4 PRINT#-3,I+1 FOR clear window for output*** ,0:PRINT4-3,"#1" menn 1:CLR area for spacebar menu 3, = *******PRESS SPACEBAR 1348 PAINT(329,128), CHR\$(\$\(\beta\that{H}\that{B}\that{A}\), 1
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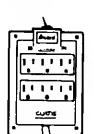
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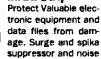
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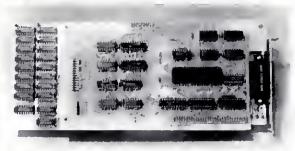
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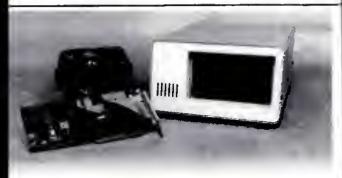
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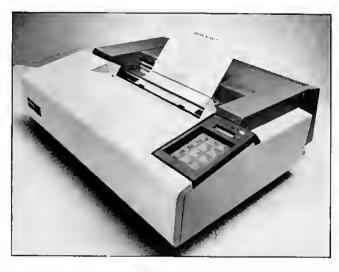
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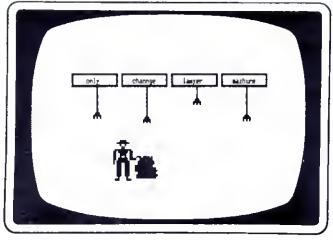
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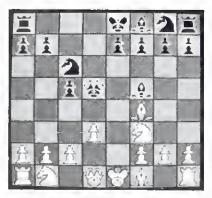
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Little Treasures

elcome to Fine Lines, 80 Micro's new back-page contest. The purpose of this column is to give you a chance to flex your programming muscles, learn some techniques from other readers, and (most importantly) win a prize or two. Each month, we'll give you a problem that needs solving, along with the winning solutions to a previous month's problem. if we publish your solution, you'll receive (at the very least) an "I Break for 80 Micro" bumper sticker. If we think you've demonstrated particular brilliance and creativity, we'll send you an 80 Micro T-shirt (don't count on it, though; we're stingy with the T-shirts).

If you can't seem to solve the problems, don't despair; we'll hand out prizes for any contest ideas you submit that we use. Since this is the first installment of Fine Lines, here's a run-down of the rules:

1. Owners of all TRS-80 and Tandy systems with the exception of the Pocket Computers

are eligible. We'll consider degree of difficulty when comparing solutions created on different machines.

2. The deadline will always be the 21st of the issue month. Thus, this month's deadline is Dec. 21. We realize that this doesn't give everyone the same amount of time to come up with their entries (we apologize to our overseas readers especially), but postponing the deadline any longer would add another month to our publishing the answers.

3. Speaking of the answers, they'll appear three issues from the issue in which the problem appears. Thus, this month's winners will make their appearance in the March 1986 issue.

4. Employees of CW Communications are not eligible.

5. We will not, unfortunately, be able to return entries.

6. Specify your T-shirt size. Bumper size not required.

Contest No. 1

Okay, enough of that. Let's get down to the first contest. Your task is to write a word processor in two lines of Basic. Simple enough, eh?

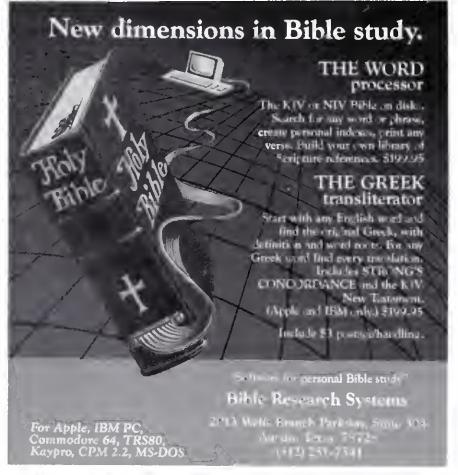
We'll judge entries on the basis of creativity, number of features, and programming elegance.

Just to get you going, we whipped up the clunky little Model 4 program you see in the Program Listing. We're confident that you can come up with something better. Give it a try: you might win yourself a T-shirt.

Program Listing. 80 Micro's wimpy little two-line word processor.

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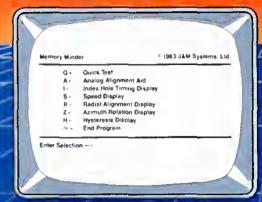


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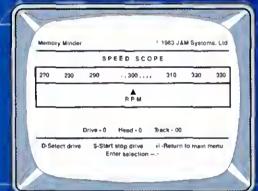
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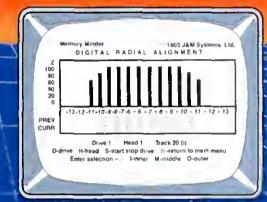
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